
From: Eddie Chan
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:21 PM
To: Jeannie Bruins; MTC Info
Subject: Letter Regarding July 8th MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Meeting Item 4b

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Kat Huang

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Jerry

Jerry Jew, MD, MBA
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/s/ Jacey G. Laborte

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Clinic Operations Manager



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Transportation is a barrier to health services. Numerous patients in Santa Clara County responded to our Patient Satisfaction Survey and stated they will travel on the bus to our clinics. Some patients will travel 2-3 hours one way! Yet, they will still travel to NEMS because we provide comprehensive and linguistically competent health care services to patients. If transportation is affected, it drastically affects our patient population. It takes away patient’s individuality and independence; therefore, heavily relying on patient’s family members.

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