



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Motion 16262

Proposed No. 2022-0450.2

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION regarding action by the Harborview Board of
 2 Trustees on October 27, 2022, in accordance with Section
 3 6.4.4. of the hospital services agreement between King
 4 County and the University of Washington to suspend
 5 support for mission population programs and services
 6 provided by King County.

7 WHEREAS, Harborview Medical Center ("Harborview") is a comprehensive
 8 regional health care facility owned by King County and, in accordance with the hospital
 9 services agreement between the Harborview Medical Center, the University of
 10 Washington and King County dated February 25, 2016 ("the agreement"), is operated by
 11 UW Medicine, and overseen by a thirteen-member board of trustees, and

12 WHEREAS, Harborview is the only Level 1 Trauma Center for adults and
 13 children serving a four-state region that includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana and
 14 Washington, and provides specialized care for a broad spectrum of patients. Harborview
 15 is maintained as a public hospital by King County to improve the health and well-being
 16 of the entire community and to provide quality healthcare to the most vulnerable, and

17 WHEREAS, the mission population of Harborview is described in the council-
 18 approved Harborview mission statement, and incorporated into the agreement, as the
 19 groups of patients and programs to be given priority of care and include: the non-
 20 English-speaking poor; the uninsured or underinsured; victims of domestic violence or

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21 sexual assault; people incarcerated in King County's jails; people with mental illness or
22 substance abuse problems, particularly those treated involuntarily; people with sexually
23 transmitted diseases; and those who require specialized emergency, trauma or burn care,
24 and

25 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6.4.2 of the agreement, by December 31
26 of each year, the board of trustees shall allocate \$5 million from Harborview's revenues
27 or reserves to a fund to support mission population programs and services being provided
28 by the county, and

29 WHEREAS, historically, the allocation has been transferred to a King County
30 department of public health fund in December of each year and the transfer for 2022 has
31 not occurred, and

32 WHEREAS, the yearly five-million-dollar allocation to support mission
33 population programs and services was included in base budget assumptions in the public
34 health fund for fiscal year 2022 and is included in the base budget assumptions for the
35 public health fund in the recently adopted 2023-2024 biennial budget, and

36 WHEREAS, those allocations have been, and are budgeted in the 2023-2024
37 biennium budget, to support the Eastgate, downtown and Navos clinics and the mobile
38 medical van program, and

39 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6.4.4 of the agreement, the board of
40 trustees may submit a request to the county executive and council to suspend some or all
41 of an annual allocation due to extraordinary circumstances. The request is required to
42 include a summary of actions taken by the board to address the extraordinary
43 circumstances, and

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44 WHEREAS, on October 27, 2022, the board of trustees unanimously moved to
45 request the suspension of all of the five-million-dollar mission support allocation until
46 Harborview is able to maintain a minimum of one hundred twenty days cash on hand for
47 at least one year, and to reevaluate these extraordinary circumstances in twenty-four
48 months, and

49 WHEREAS, in a letter to the executive and council dated November 20, 2022,
50 board of trustees president Steffanie Fain stated that the mission support allocation comes
51 from Harborview's cash on hand, which is maintained separately from the University of
52 Washington. As of November 2022, Harborview had ninety-nine days cash on hand and
53 was projected to have seventy-five days cash on hand by June 2023. The letter also
54 outlines actions taken to address the extraordinary circumstances including the use of
55 limited tax general obligation bonds to support funding an outpatient surgery center
56 rather than using cash on hand, developing a strategic plan to address Harborview's short-
57 and long-term financial challenges, embarking on a financial turnaround project led by an
58 independent third-party to restore long-term financial stability, and legislative advocacy
59 in Olympia, and

60 WHEREAS, approving the request by the board of trustees will result in no
61 allocation to the department of public health fund for the years 2022 and 2023, and

62 WHEREAS, the September 6, 2022, financial plan for the public health fund,
63 which is a six-year projection of the fund's revenues and expenditures and assumes the
64 five-million-dollar allocation, shows a reserve shortfall of approximately twelve million
65 seven hundred thousand dollars at the end of the 2021-2022 biennium. While the
66 financial plan projects no reserve shortfall for the 2023-2024 biennium, with future

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67 reserve shortfalls in the out years, growing to over fifty million dollars by 2028. It is
68 expected that these shortfalls will increase if the annual five-million-dollar allocation is
69 not received, and

70 WHEREAS, in accordance with section 6.4.4 of the agreement, before the board
71 of trustees may suspend any allocation, the county council, by motion, must either
72 approve, reject or change the amount to be suspended;

73 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

74 A. The request of the Harborview board of trustees to suspend the five million-
75 dollar-allocation from the hospital's revenues or reserves to a fund to support mission
76 population programs and services being provided by the county for 2022 is rejected; and

77 B. The council shall consider the request of the Harborview board of trustees to
78 suspend the five-million-dollar allocation from the hospital's revenues or reserves to a
79 fund to support mission population programs and services being provided by the county
80 for 2023 at a later date, tentatively expected to be by August 30, 2023. Before that
81 consideration, the council requests the executive to convene a meeting with leaders from
82 the county council, the University of Washington Medicine, Harborview Medical Center
83 and the Harborview board of trustees to share information, discuss strategies and develop
84 options to address the financial health of the Harborview Medical Center. The council
85 requests the executive convene the meeting by March 30, 2023.

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- 86 C. In accordance with section 6.4.4. of the hospital services agreement, the
87 Harborview budget will be revised, if necessary, to reflect the passage of this motion.

Motion 16262 was introduced on 12/6/2022 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/13/2022, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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