

To: O&S Committee
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SUBJECT: Transportation and Wellness

Background

County Connection has begun an ongoing dialogue with Contra Costa Health Services to examine areas where transportation improvements – large or small-can help people access the health care system in a more timely, rational, and economically advantageous manner. This can build on a similar dialogue that we began with Kaiser in late 2015.

One of the most often cited impediments to individuals attempting to access health care services they may need is a lack of appropriate transportation. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has made this issue a priority. And, with the implementation of the Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA), the healthcare care industry recognizes that good transportation access is vital to any successful healthcare program.

As these discussions unfold, staff will provide periodic reports on these important activities. Furthermore, we anticipate returning to this Committee with action requests as warranted.

No action is needed at this time. Staff will briefly elaborate on this memo at your July meeting.