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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Marion Jordan. I am a physician assistant (PA) and work at Emeline in the HSA clinics doing direct patient care. I have worked for HSA as a PA for 29 years mostly in the Santa Cruz clinic but also the Watsonville clinic, the jail and Juvie. I have specialty skills in treating people with HIV, doing gender affirming transgender care as well as broad scope primary care. I have given my career to this county job because I believed that the agency shared my sense of mission: that our patients deserve excellent medical care. However now I am compelled to write this letter because I question HSA's upper administration's true commitment to our patients. I am strongly opposed to the proposed elimination and reduction of direct services that our patients rely on. We need on-site lab, blood draw stations, X-ray and supported IBH services. Our patients have layer upon of barriers to accessing medical care- from being unhoused, to substance use disorder, to mental health challenges, to transportation challenges, to immigration status, to poverty, to educational deficits, to busy lives caregiving and working long hours. Many if not most will not be able to go to another location on another day to get these fundamental parts of primary care. Currently we can walk a patient down the hall to the lab to see how bad their anemia is or if their kidneys are in trouble, or to xray to see if they have a pneumonia or a fracture. I have not seen that other avenues have been explored instead of cutting direct services. Over the decades I have worked for HSA I have seen many new upper level administrative positions created while we have not increased the number of clinical provider positions equally. I strongly urge preserving critical patient services and urge reassessing the heavy administrative overhead burden instead. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Marion Jordan P.A.- C.