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## AHS Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Status

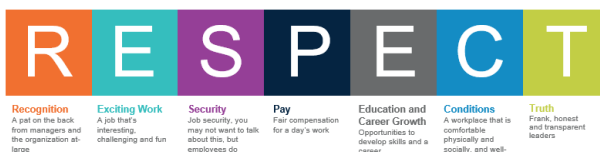
I am pleased to share that the AHS Trustees and County Supervisors are working together with a commitment to prevent closure to Psychiatric Emergency Services, Women's Health, and Nursery/NICU services. To facilitate this work, the budget review and approval process is being delayed for two months.

We are incredibly appreciative that our Trustees and Supervisors remain committed to ensuring that AHS and Alameda County lead the way in ensuring vital services are maintained despite the growing fiscal pressures that face public healthcare systems, like AHS, and the communities we serve.



Notwithstanding this important work, these leaders expect AHS to continue to take steps internally to ensure that we are doing our part to continuously evolve our services driven by community demand/needs, to manage our resources, and to improve our fiscal performance. To this end, we will be moving forward with some of the program redesign, revenue enhancement, and expense management ideas presented during the budget process.

## Deadline Extended! Employment Engagement Survey



The 2019 Employee Engagement Survey is now open! This is a great opportunity for you to share what our strengths are as an organization and where we have opportunities to improve. We want to identify opportunities for all of us to work better together to enhance business performance and make AHS a great place to work. Let your voice be heard!

A link to the survey was sent on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from "Engage2Excel". Each person is assigned a unique link so they have the opportunity to start and stop the survey if need be. The survey will take less than 15 minutes of your time. It is completely anonymous, answers are confidential.

**Departments who reach 100% participation between Monday, June 24 and Friday, June 28 will win tickets to an A's Game (while tickets last)!**

## AHS Recognized for Healthcare Interpreter Internship Program

For almost 20 years AHS has partnered with the City College of San Francisco to offer internships to six to eight of their health care interpreter students each semester who speak various languages including Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Tigrinya and Vietnamese. At the program graduation ceremony this



year AHS was recognized with a distinguished service award for the guidance AHS staff offer to students enrolled in the program.

“Each semester we serve as guest speakers at City College, we provide students an overview of our translations department and we discuss how to work with refugee and trauma patients. In addition, some of our interpreters serve as language coaches and continue to mentor students beyond the classroom—successfully executing our mission of Teaching All,” said Sambo Ly, manager of the interpretation and translation department at AHS.

Find out more about [our workforce efforts](#) with the City College of San Francisco.

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## Two AHS Wellness Centers Receive Grant to Treat OUD in Primary Care

Alameda Health System (AHS) Highland and Eastmont Wellness Centers each received a \$50,000 grant to address opioid addiction.

The “Addiction Treatment Starts Here: Primary Care” grant funding was from the Center for Care Innovation to increase medication assisted treatment (MAT) in primary care for patients with opioid use disorder (OUD).

OUD, also called opioid addiction, is a brain disease and like any other chronic disease, it does not go away without proper treatment. Addressing the biological, psychological, and social factors contributing to substance abuse are all key components of treatment. Among these factors, it is especially important that patients have access to medications since they greatly increase the chance of successful recovery.



To learn how the funds will be used to help treat addiction [click here](#).

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## S·A·P·P·H·I·R·E: Can we build it? ... Yes we can!



In fact, we already have!

Our new integrated electronic health record system has been fully constructed. Now that the all the build decisions have been made and workflows have been ironed out, we’re better positioned to execute on the remainder of the implementation work. We are currently testing the new system, which will allow us to make any changes needed to perfect it before we go live. We are currently in the midst of S·A·P·P·H·I·R·E training, which will also help us identify any areas for improvement.

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## Join us This Fourth of July!

You're invited to celebrate independence Day at the annual Alameda 4th of July Parade.

Bring your family and join our cable car contingency. We need cable car riders and parade walkers to hand out patriotic goodies!

The parade starts at 10 a.m. (on Lincoln Ave. and Park Street) and lasts 1.5 - 2 hours. The cable car

leaves Alameda Hospital promptly at 8:45 a. m. and returns at noon.

For more information on the parade visit <http://www.alamedaparade.com/>.

If you'd like to participate or have any questions, please email [pace@alamedahealthsystem.org](mailto:pace@alamedahealthsystem.org).



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