



## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

9:00 AM

Administration Boardroom

600 N. Highland Springs Avenue, Banning, CA 92220

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I. Call to Order

S. DiBiasi

II. Public Comment

A five-minute limitation shall apply to each member of the public who wishes to address the Finance Committee of the Hospital Board of Directors on any matter under the subject jurisdiction of the Committee. A thirty-minute time limit is placed on this section. No member of the public shall be permitted to “share” his/her five minutes with any other member of the public. (Usually, any items received under this heading are referred to staff for future study, research, completion and/or future Committee Action.) (PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.)

On behalf of the San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, we want you to know that the Board/Committee acknowledges the comments or concerns that you direct to this Committee. While the Board/Committee may wish to occasionally respond immediately to questions or comments if appropriate, they often will instruct the CEO, or other Administrative Executive personnel, to do further research and report back to the Board/Committee prior to responding to any issues raised. If you have specific questions, you will receive a response either at the meeting or shortly thereafter. The Board/Committee wants to ensure that it is fully informed before responding, and so if your questions are not addressed during the meeting, this does not indicate a lack of interest on the Board/Committee’s part; a response will be forthcoming.

### OLD BUSINESS

III. \* Proposed Action – Approval of Minutes

S. DiBiasi

- February 27, 2024, regular meeting

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**TAB A**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
February 27, 2024

The regular meeting of the San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital Board of Directors Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, in the Administration Boardroom, 600 N. Highland Springs Avenue, Banning, California.

Members Present: Susan DiBiasi (Chair), Darrell Petersen, Ron Rader, Steve Rutledge

Members Absent: None

Required Staff: Steve Barron (CEO), Daniel Heckathorne (CFO), John Peleuses (VP, Ancillary & Support Services), Ariel Whitley (Executive Assistant), Angela Brady (CNE), Karan P. Singh, MD (CMO)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION / FOLLOW-UP								
<b>Call To Order</b>	Susan DiBiasi called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.									
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public present.									
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>										
<b>Proposed Action - Approve Minutes January 30, 2024, regular meeting</b>	Susan DiBiasi asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the January 30, 2024, regular meeting. There were none.	<b>The minutes of the January 30, 2024, regular meeting will stand correct as presented.</b>								
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>										
<b>Proposed Action - Recommend Approval to Hospital Board and District Board to enter a consulting arrangement with Craneware for provision of the Trisus Pricing Analyzer and Transparency Service</b>	<p>As of July 1, 2024, the federal CMS law will require price transparency reporting which includes many multiples of reporting in contrast to the existing law. Craneware will be terminating the existing transparency model and has developed a much more comprehensive model needed to comply with the new CMS regulations.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL:</b></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">DiBiasi</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Yes</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Petersen</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rader</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Rutledge</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Darrell Petersen joined the meeting at 9:25 am.</p>	DiBiasi	Yes	Petersen	Absent	Rader	Yes	Rutledge	Yes	<b>M.S.C. (Rader/Rutledge), the SGMH Finance Committee voted to recommend approval to enter into a consulting arrangement with Craneware for provision of the Trisus Pricing Analyzer and Transparency Service to the Hospital Board and District Board.</b>
DiBiasi	Yes	Petersen	Absent							
Rader	Yes	Rutledge	Yes							

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION / FOLLOW-UP								
<p><b>Proposed Action – Recommend Approval to Hospital Board of Directors - Monthly Financial Report (Unaudited) – January 2024</b></p>	<p>Daniel Heckathorne, CFO, reviewed the Unaudited January 2024 finance report as included in the committee packets.</p> <p>The month of January resulted in negative \$3.04M EBIDA compared to budgeted negative EBIDA of \$1.81M vs. a negative \$4.11M Flex Budget.</p> <p>There were a few adjustments and items of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient Days, Emergency, and Surgery volumes were all below budget.</li> <li>• The Average Length of Stay and Case Mix Index for all patients were over the previous January by 14.7% and 8.6% respectively.</li> <li>• California Paid Sick Leave (CPSL) accrued costs (including FICA) totaled \$985K in the month of January.</li> <li>• A Non-EBIDA \$452K donation for purchase of the C-Arm and Portable X-Ray machine was booked in January</li> </ul> <p><b>ROLL CALL:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="386 930 1211 999"> <tr> <td>DiBiasi</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Petersen</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rader</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>Rutledge</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion carried.</p>	DiBiasi	Yes	Petersen	Yes	Rader	Yes	Rutledge	Yes	<p><b>M.S.C. (Rader/Rutledge), the SGMH Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of the Unaudited January 2024 Financial report to the Hospital Board of Directors.</b></p>
DiBiasi	Yes	Petersen	Yes							
Rader	Yes	Rutledge	Yes							
<p><b>Future Agenda Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>									
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next regular Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 26, 2024 @ 9:00 am.</p>									
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am.</p>									

In accordance with The Brown Act, *Section 54957.5*, all reports, and handouts discussed during this Open Session meeting are public records and are available for public inspection. These reports and/or handouts are available for review at the Hospital Administration office located at 600 N. Highland Springs Avenue, Banning, CA 92220 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

**TAB B**



**SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
BANNING, CALIFORNIA**

**Unaudited Financial Statements**

**for**

**EIGHT MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

**FY 2024**

**Certification Statement:**

To the best of my knowledge, I certify for the hospital that the attached financial statements, except for the uncertainty of IGT revenue accruals, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact that would make the financial statements misleading. I further certify that the financial statements present in all material respects the financial condition and results of operation of the hospital and all related organizations reported herein.

Note: Because these reports are prepared for internal users only, they do not purport to conform to the principles contained in U.S. GAAP.

Certified by:

*Daniel R. Heckathorne*

**Daniel R. Heckathorne**

CFO

# San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital

## Financial Report - Executive Summary

For the Month of February, 2024 and Eight Months Ended February 29, 2024 (Unaudited)

### Profit/Loss (EBIDA) Summary (MTD) Negative and (YTD) Negative (comparisons to Budget)

**Month** - The month of February resulted in negative \$2.05M Earnings before Interest, Depreciation and Amortization (EBIDA) compared to budgeted negative EBIDA of \$1.45M vs. a negative \$3.30M Flex Budget. **YTD** - Eight months ending in February resulted in negative \$20.34M Earnings before Interest, Depreciation and Amortization (EBIDA) compared to budgeted negative EBIDA of \$9.64M and a Flex Budget loss of \$15.57M.

Note: If the unaccrued Supplemental funds, projected DSH and P4P funds, along with provision for lease principal payments were booked, the YTD EBIDA would be a negative \$8.54M compared to the actual negative booked \$20.34M.

**Month** - Adjustments and Items of Note:

- Patient Days, Emergency, and Surgery volumes were all below budget.
- Several Balance Sheet items were impacted, including the first repayment of the QIP Bridge loan, payoff of the Mindray patient monitors, funding of IGT payments, receipt of Supplemental Funding advances, and a draw from the Line of Credit. (See Balance Sheet/Cash Flow section.)

**Month** - February's inpatient average daily census was 20.1, and under the budgeted 24.2. Conversely, the Adjusted Patient Days were 0.5% over budget (1,852 vs. 1,841), while Patient Days were 17% under budget (582 vs. 702). Emergency Visits were 6.6% under budget (3,329 vs. 3,564), and Surgeries were 24% under budget (89 vs. 117).

**YTD** - Inpatient average daily census was 22.0 compared to the budgeted 23.2, and Patient Days were 5.5% below budget (5,357 vs. 5,668). Adjusted Patient Days are basically on target, Emergency Visits were 6.2% under budget (28,182 vs. 30,033) and Surgeries were 21% under budget (810 vs. 1,018) which was 14% below the previous YTD's 946 cases.

### Patient Revenues (MTD) Negative Variance (YTD) Negative Variance

**Month** - Net Patient Revenues in February were \$4.71M, or \$350K under budget. Other items of note included the fact that gross Inpatient Revenues were 19% (\$2.92M) under budget, while gross Outpatient Revenues were 7.1% (\$1.78M) over budget. As discussed in the past, Inpatient Revenues pay about 16.8% of charges, compared to Outpatient Revenues which pay about 9.6% of charges.

**YTD** - Net Patient Revenues through February were \$35.3M compared to budgeted \$43.4M (-19%) In November there was a \$504K favorable adjustment to Deductions from Revenues Expense to reverse estimated Medicare Outlier Repayments payable, and there was a one-time \$3.52M negative adjustment for Contractual Allowance Reserves, which was based on the latest reconciliation of cash collections compared to previously estimated collections. Finally, the impact of Surgeries being 21% below budget also has impacted the Net Patient Revenues variance.

### Total Operating Revenues (MTD) Negative Variance & (YTD) Negative Variance

**Month** - Operating Revenue in February was \$406K under budget. This is impacted by the Net Patient Revenues being \$350K under budget and the Non-Patient Revenues being \$56K under budget.

**YTD** - Operating Revenue through February was \$8.75M under budget, impacted by the Net Patient Revenues being \$8.15M under budget and the Non-Patient Revenues being \$601K under budget.

### **Operating Expenses (MTD) Negative & (YTD) Negative Variance**

**Month** - Operating Expenses in February were \$7.38M, which was over budget by \$201K and over the Flex Budget by \$321K. Key items that impacted Expenses were: 1) Salaries, Wages, Benefits, and Contract Labor were collectively \$44K over budget and \$114K over the Flex budget. This was impacted by a) Wages and Benefits being \$4K over budget, which included a) the 3.0% salary increase implemented in October, b) Contract Labor being \$40K over budget, and c) the Adjusted Patient Days workload being at budget; 2) Physician Fees were \$70K over budget driven by variances of \$47K in anesthesia expense and \$24K for Radiology services; 3) Purchased Services were \$29K over budget in spite of the Legal Fees being \$122K under budget, as several service agreements in Diagnostic Imaging and Lab were incurred in February; 4) Supplies were \$57K below budget due in large part to low inpatient and surgery volumes; 5) Repairs and Maintenance were \$21K over budget as we are preparing for the upcoming inspection; and 6) Other Expenses were \$135K over budget including payment of the annual District Hospital Leadership dues of \$79K.

**Year-to Date** – Operating Expenses through February were \$61.00M and were over budget by \$1.95M and over the Flex Budget by \$2.48M. Key items that impacted Expenses were: 1) Salaries and Wages, Benefits, and Contract Labor were collectively \$2.20M over budget and \$2.14M over the Flex budget. This was driven by the following: a) The \$527K State Mandated California Paid Sick Leave program that was accrued in July plus the additional \$985K additional accrual in January; b) Contract Labor was over budget by \$665K due to several nurse staffing vacancies in OB and ER along with orientation of 2 new grads in the ER; and c) an additional \$153K increase for re-valuing the PTO bank to reflect the 3.0% Wage increase in late October; 2) Physician Fees are \$469K over budget largely impacted by the \$510K anesthesia expense reconciliation in December; 3) Purchased Services are \$619K over budget which included Legal Fees exceeding budget by \$647K; 4) Supplies are the most notable item under budget by \$665K, again reflected by lower than anticipated intensities of services, including Surgeries and Emergency visits being under budget; and 5) Repairs and Maintenance are over budget by \$139K largely to significant maintenance work occurring in September, October, and January.

### **Balance Sheet/Cash Flow**

Patient cash collections in February totaled \$5.82M compared to \$4.75M in December and November's \$4.51M. Gross Accounts Receivable Days in February were 61.6 compared to January's 66.1 and December's 64.1. Cash Balances were \$11.40M compared to \$14.06M in January and \$6.17M in December. The main reason for the increase was receipt of a \$4M advance from a local health plan against upcoming Supplemental funds that are due to the District. Net Accounts Receivable decreased to \$8.73M compared to \$9.87M in January and \$9.52M in December.

Other changes of note included receipt of \$1.33M from the Foundation/Morongo for payment of the Mindray Heart Monitors. Accounts Payable decreased to \$8.74M in February compared to \$8.89M in January and \$10.08M in December. Assets Whose Use is Limited increased by \$8.91M mostly attributable to the IGT advances of \$9.16M for future Rate Range, QIP and HQAF income. The first repayment (\$1.41M) for the QIP Bridge loan was made in February, and the outstanding Line of Credit balance was increased to \$12M, up from \$8M in January. Finally, a liability is in place \$1.5M for FY 2022 payable to Medicare for estimated overpayments for outliers and sequestration funds.

### **Summary**

#### **Positive takeaways:**

- 1) Adjusted Patient Days met budget in spite of other workloads being below budget.
- 2) Cash balances have been sufficient to meet IGT and Loan repayment requirements.

#### **Negative takeaways:**

- 1) Labor costs were over budget in February mostly due to Contract Labor costs.
- 2) Surgeries continue to lag behind budget and prior year levels.
- 3) February's EBIDA, adjusted for pending Supplemental Income, DSH & P4P offset by reserving for Cash Payments required for Leases was a negative \$487K, and the YTD is a negative \$8.54M.

**SGMH FEBRUARY 2024 SIGNIFICANT EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS IMPACTING EBIDA**

3/20/2024

EXPENSE		INCOME		GAIN/(LOSS)
<b>SALARIES / BENEFITS/ CONTRACT LABOR</b>		<b>REVENUES</b>		
TOTAL LABOR OVER BUDGET	44,084	NET REVENUES UNDER BUDGET	(350,216)	
<b>OTHER EXPENSE</b>		<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>		
RADIOLOGY FEES OVER BUDGET	24,000	OTHER REVENUES UNDER BUDGET	(55,327)	
ANESTHESIA FEES OVER BUDGET	47,400			
PURCHASED SERVICES OVER BUDGET	29,256			
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OVER BUDGET	20,925			
OTHER EXPENSE - DHLF ANNUAL DUES	79,041			
SUPPLIES UNDER BUDGET	<u>(57,511)</u>			
<b>EXTRAORDINARY NEGATIVE EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>187,195</u></b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY POSITIVE (NEGATIVE) REVENUES</b>	<b><u>(405,543)</u></b>	<b><u>(592,738)</u></b>

Note: These variances are not intended to account for all variances, but are meant to highlight key or unusual variations.

## STATISTICS

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Inpatient Admissions/Discharges (Monthly Average)	Represents number of patients admitted/discharged into and out of the hospital.
Patient Days (Monthly Average)	Each day a patient stays in the hospital is counted as a patient day. This count is normally done at midnight.
Average Daily Census (Inpatient)	Equals the average number of inpatients in the hospital on any given day or month.
Average Length of Stay (Inpatient)	Represents that average number of days that inpatients stay in the hospital.
Emergency Visits (Monthly Average)	Represents the number of patients who sought services at the emergency room.
Surgery Cases - Excluding G.I. (Monthly Average)	Equals the number of patients who had a surgical procedure(s) performed.
G.I. Cases (Monthly)	Number of patients who had a gastrointestinal exam performed.
Newborn Deliveries (Monthly)	Number of babies delivered.

## PRODUCTIVITY

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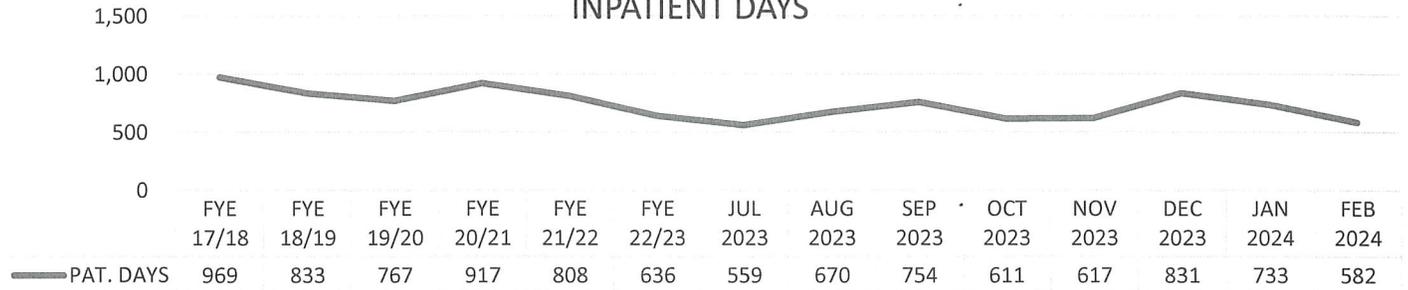
Worked FTEs ( includes Registry FTEs)	Represents an equivalency of full-time staff worked. One FTE is equivalent of working 40 hours per week, 80 hours per pay period, 173.3 hours per 30 day month, or 2,080 hours in a 52 week year. This calculation divides the number of hours worked by the number of hours in the respective work period (40, 80, etc.) Example: 340 hours worked in an 80 hour pay period = 4.25 FTE's
Worked FTES per APD	Divides the Total Worked FTE's by the daily average of the Adjusted Patient Days.
Paid FTEs ( includes Registry FTEs)	Represents an equivalency of full-time staff paid. One FTE is equivalent of working 40 hours per week, 80 hours per pay period, 173.3 hours per 30 day month, or 2,080 hours in a 52 week year. This calculation divides the number of hours paid (includes all hours paid consisting of worked hours, PTO hours, sick pay, etc.) by the number of hours in the respective work period (40, 80, etc.) Example: 500 hours paid in an 80 hour pay period = 6.25 FTE's.
Paid FTES per APD	Divides the Total Paid FTE's by the daily average of the Adjusted Patient Days.
ADJUSTED PATIENT DAYS	This is a blend of total patient days stayed in the hospital for a month, plus an equivalency factor (based on average inpatient revenue per patient day) applied to the outpatient revenues in order to account for outpatient workloads.

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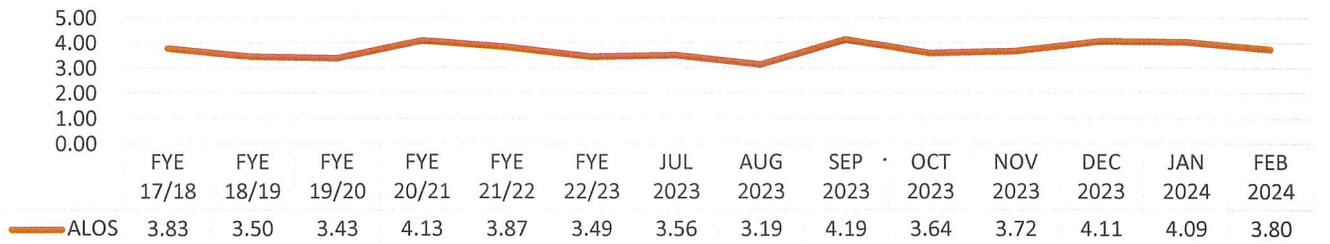
## INPATIENT DISCHARGES



## INPATIENT DAYS



## AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

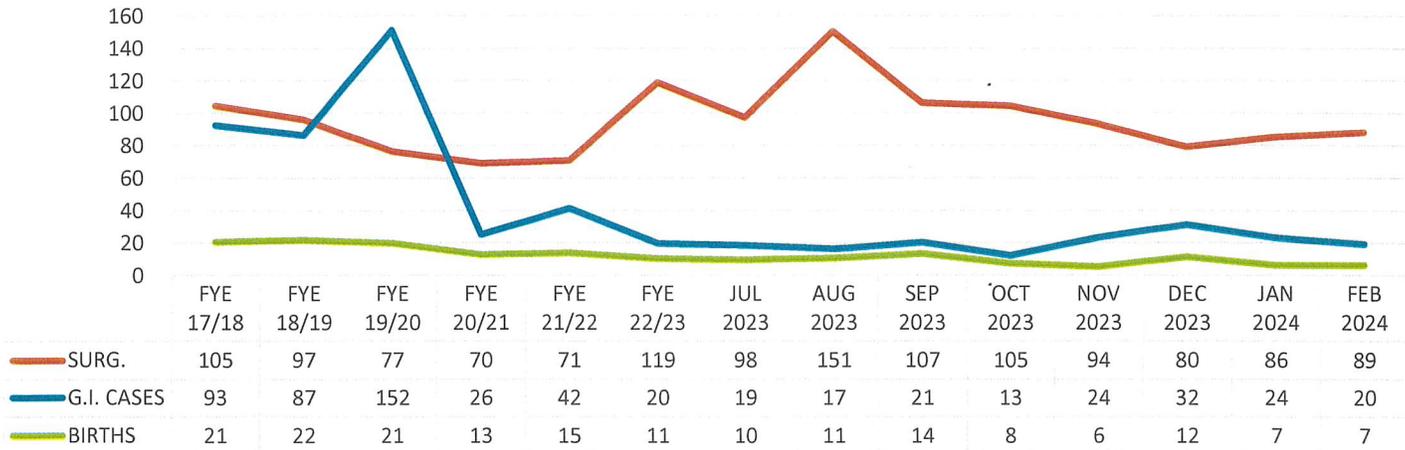


## EMERGENCY VISITS

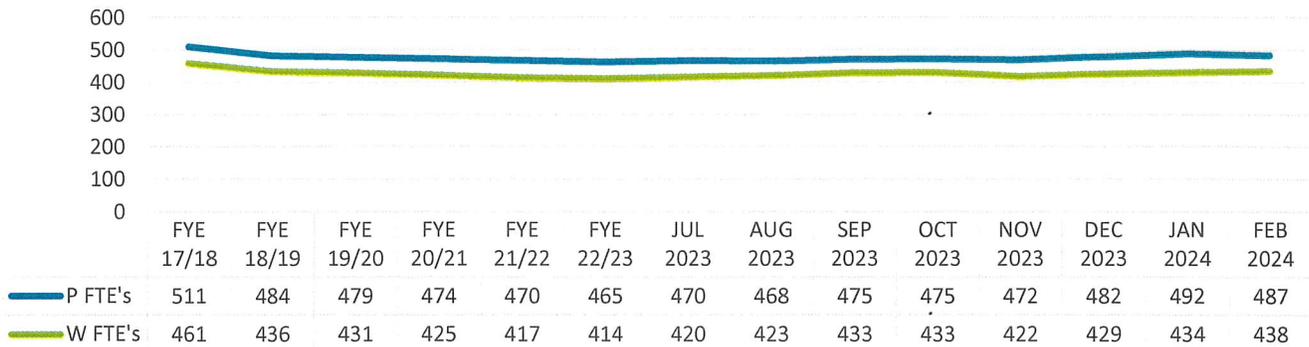


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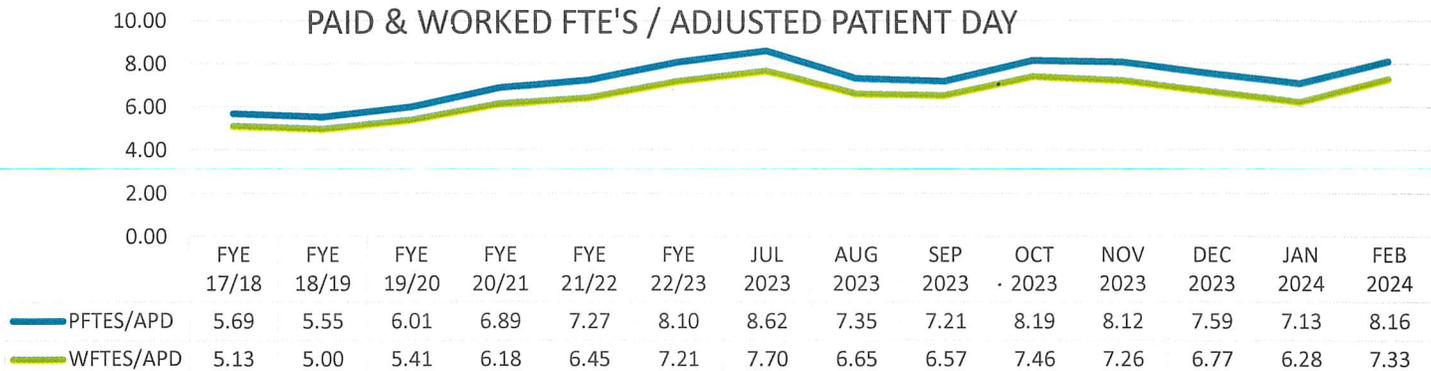
## SURGERY CASES, G.I. CASES, N/B DELIVERIES



## PAID & WORKED FTE'S



## PAID & WORKED FTE'S / ADJUSTED PATIENT DAY



## INCOME STATEMENT

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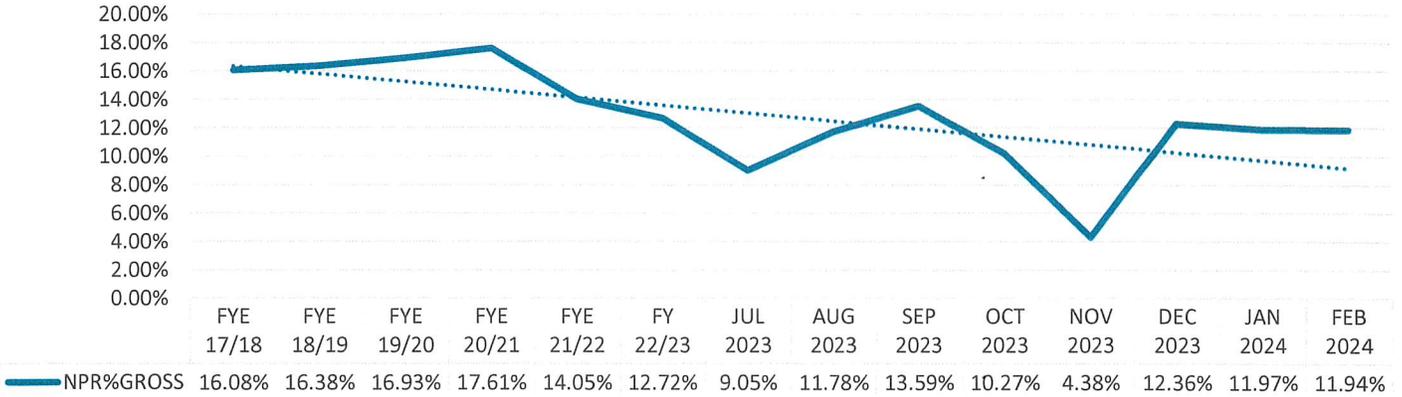
Gross Patient Revenue (000's) (Monthly Ave.)	Represents total charges (before discounts and allowances) made for all patient services provided.
Net Patient Revenue (NPR) (000's) (Monthly Ave.)	Equals the sum of all (patient) charges for services provided that are due to the hospital, less estimated adjustments for discounts and other contractual disallowances for which the patients may be entitled.
NPR as % of Gross	Reflects the percentage of Gross Patient Revenues (charges) that are expected to be collected. Calculated by dividing Net Patient Revenue by the Gross Patient Revenue.
Total Operating Revenue (000's) (Monthly Ave.)	This reflects all Revenues available for payment of Operating Expenses. This includes Net Patient Revenue plus all other forms of miscellaneous Revenues.
Salaries, Wages, Benefits & Contract Labor (000's) (Monthly Ave.)	Represents the total staffing expenses of the Hospital
SWB + Contract Labor as % of Total Operating Revenue	Identifies what portion the Operating Revenues are spent on staffing costs.
 Total Operating Expense (TOE) (000's)(Monthly Ave.)	Operating Expense reflects all costs needed to fund the Hospital's business operations.
TOE as % of Total Operating Revenue	Identifies the relationship that Operating Expenses have to the Total Operating Revenues.
EBIDA (000's)(Monthly Average)	Earnings Before Interest, Depreciation, and Amortization. This reflects the difference between Net Operating Revenues and Total Operating Expense. This is a quick measurement of the Hospital's ability to meet its financial obligations and have additional funds for equipment replacement and future growth of the organization.
EBIDA as % of NPR	This measurement is a gauge of the surplus (or deficit) of funds available for operations and future growth.
Net Patient Revenue vs. Total Labor Expense	This measurement illustrates that Net Patient Revenues basically only cover Total Labor Expense, and that all of the Other Revenues and Supplemental Incomes are necessary to cover the remaining operational Expenses and EBIDA required to operate the Hospital.
Operating Revenues (Normalized), Expenses, Staffing Expenses, and EBIDA (Normalized)	This graph illustrates the "normalization" of Operating Revenues and EBIDA, by reallocating proportionate Supplemental Revenues and related Expenses into the current month and YTD results.

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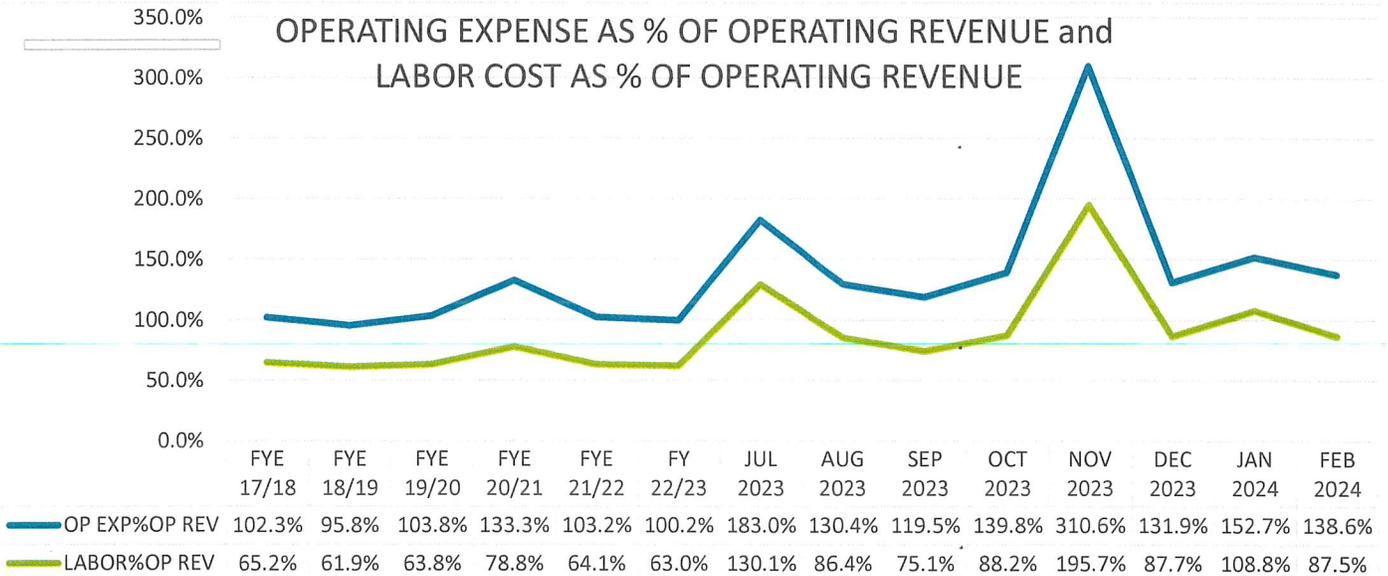
## GROSS PATIENT REVENUE (000's)



## NET PATIENT REVENUE AS % OF GROSS

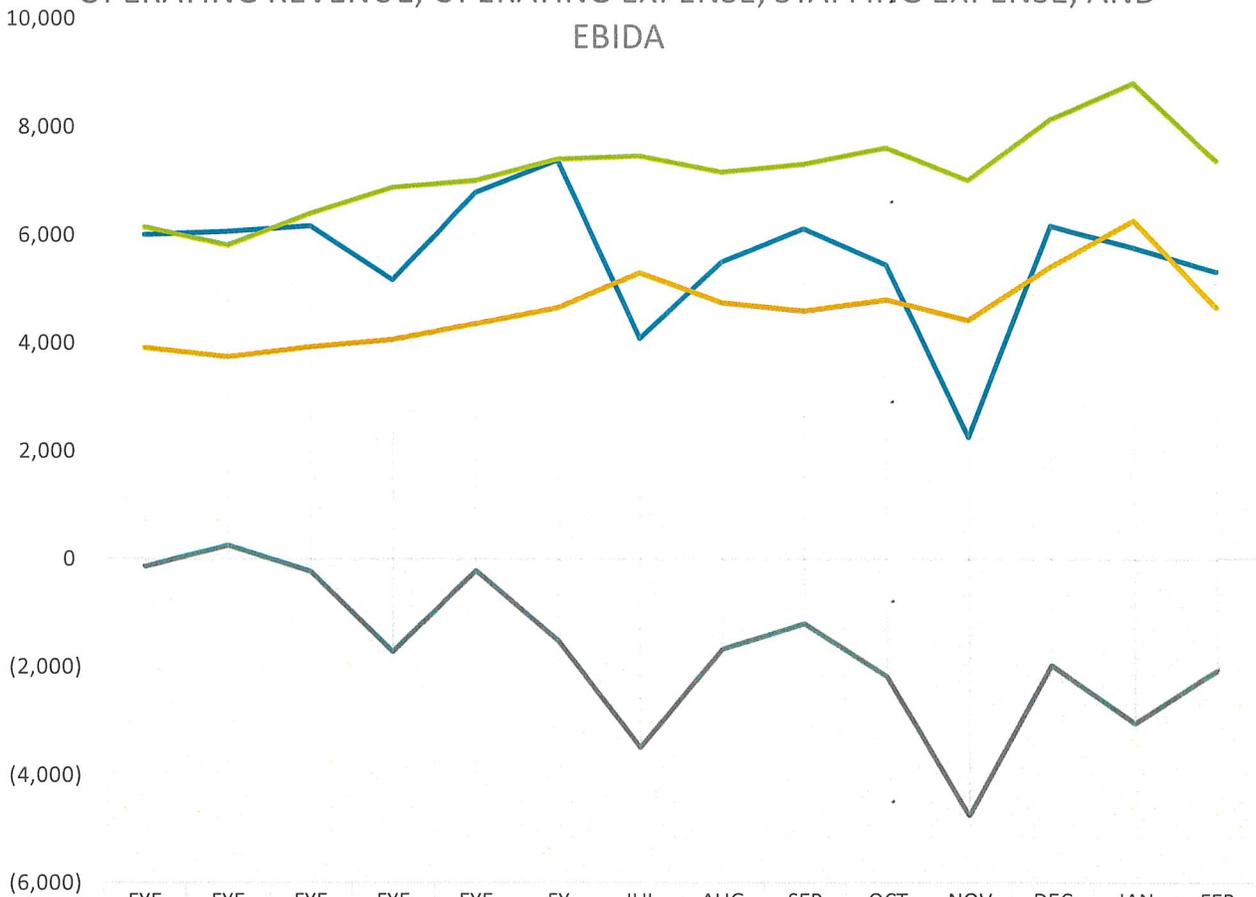


## OPERATING EXPENSE AS % OF OPERATING REVENUE and LABOR COST AS % OF OPERATING REVENUE



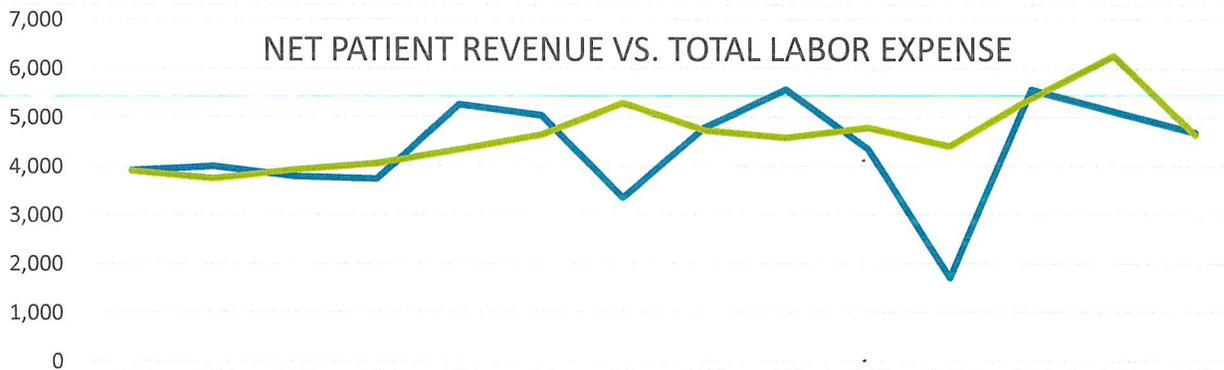
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## OPERATING REVENUE, OPERATING EXPENSE, STAFFING EXPENSE, AND EBIDA



	FYE 17/18	FYE 18/19	FYE 19/20	FYE 20/21	FYE 21/22	FY 22/23	JUL 2023	AUG 2023	SEP 2023	OCT 2023	NOV 2023	DEC 2023	JAN 2024	FEB 2024
OP REV	6,006	6,069	6,165	5,160	6,791	7,391	4,078	5,495	6,118	5,442	2,256	6,167	5,772	5,325
OP EXP	6,147	5,817	6,398	6,878	7,007	7,403	7,461	7,164	7,310	7,610	7,006	8,132	8,811	7,378
STAFF EXP	3,915	3,755	3,932	4,065	4,354	4,654	5,303	4,746	4,593	4,802	4,416	5,411	6,277	4,662
EBIDA	(141)	252	(233)	(1,719)	(216)	(1,512)	(3,483)	(1,668)	(1,192)	(2,168)	(4,750)	(1,965)	(3,029)	(2,053)

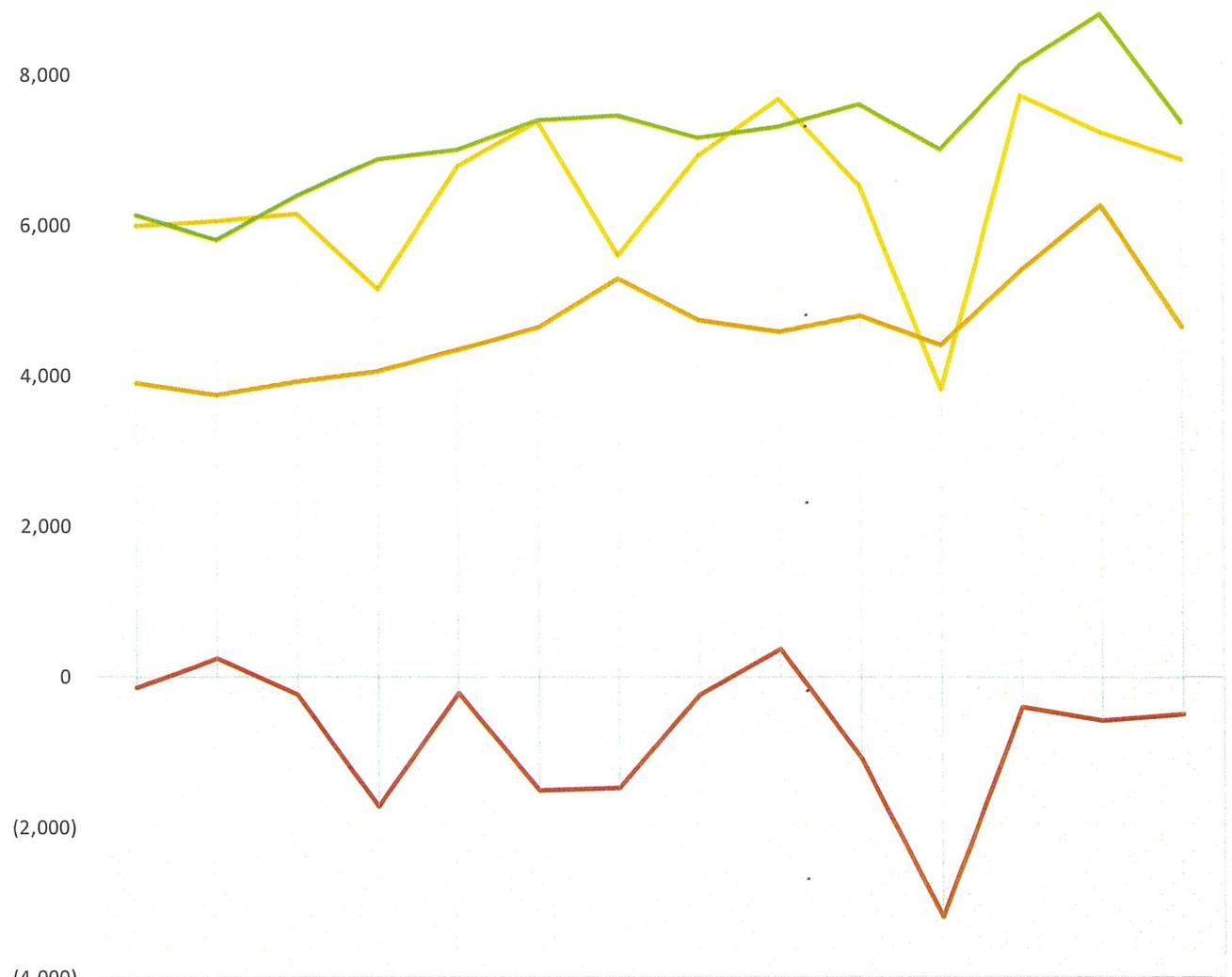
## NET PATIENT REVENUE VS. TOTAL LABOR EXPENSE



	FYE 17/18	FYE 18/19	FYE 19/20	FYE 20/21	FYE 21/22	FY 22/23	JUL 2023	AUG 2023	SEP 2023	OCT 2023	NOV 2023	DEC 2023	JAN 2024	FEB 2024
NET PAT REV	3,921	4,003	3,795	3,744	5,275	5,057	3,358	4,799	5,587	4,366	1,723	5,588	5,145	4,712
LABOR EXP	3,915	3,755	3,932	4,065	4,354	4,654	5,303	4,746	4,593	4,802	4,416	5,411	6,277	4,662

# SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

OPERATING REVENUE (NORMALIZED), OPERATING EXPENSE, STAFFING EXPENSE, AND EBIDA (NORMALIZED) (000's)



	FYE 17/18	FYE 18/19	FYE 19/20	FYE 20/21	FYE 21/22	FY 22/23	JUL 2023	AUG 2023	SEP 2023	OCT 2023	NOV 2023	DEC 2023	JAN 2024	FEB 2024
REV NORMAL	6,006	6,069	6,165	5,160	6,791	7,391	5,609	6,925	7,684	6,527	3,822	7,734	7,245	6,892
OP EXP	6,147	5,817	6,398	6,878	7,007	7,403	7,461	7,164	7,310	7,610	7,006	8,132	8,811	7,378
LABOR EXP	3,915	3,755	3,932	4,065	4,354	4,654	5,303	4,746	4,593	4,802	4,416	5,411	6,277	4,662
EBIDA NORMAL	(141)	252	(233)	(1,719)	(216)	(1,499)	(1,469)	(238)	374	(1,083)	(3,184)	(398)	(571)	(487)

	FYE18/19	FYE19/20	FYE 20/21	FYE 21/22	FYE 22/23	FYE 23/24	FYE 23/24	FYE 23/24	FYE 23/24	FYE 23/24	FYE 23/24	FYE 23/24	FYE 23/24
	MONTHLY AVE.	MONTHLY AVE.	MONTHLY AVE.	MONTHLY AVE.	12 MONTHLY AVE.	7/31/2023	8/31/2023	9/30/2023	10/31/2023	11/30/2023	12/31/2023	1/31/2024	2/29/2024
<b>Gross Patient Revenue</b>													
Inpatient Revenue	\$ 7,667,883	\$ 7,401,282	\$ 9,331,371	\$ 16,603,390	\$ 14,171,780	\$ 12,272,477	\$ 13,826,953	\$ 15,201,247	\$ 14,429,560	\$ 13,489,069	\$ 19,103,480	\$ 14,920,563	\$ 12,466,980
Inpatient Psych/Rehab Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outpatient Revenue	16,765,365	15,067,104	11,933,682	20,932,075	25,575,741	24,819,128	26,907,760	25,923,098	28,065,983	25,881,729	26,099,576	28,076,461	26,992,400
Long Term Care Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Home Health Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Gross Patient Revenue</b>	<b>24,433,247</b>	<b>22,468,386</b>	<b>21,265,053</b>	<b>37,535,465</b>	<b>39,747,521</b>	<b>37,091,605</b>	<b>40,734,713</b>	<b>41,124,345</b>	<b>42,495,543</b>	<b>39,370,798</b>	<b>45,203,056</b>	<b>42,997,024</b>	<b>39,459,380</b>
<b>Deductions From Revenue</b>													
Discounts and Allowances	(19,588,148)	(17,845,730)	(16,635,734)	(31,267,149)	(33,545,205)	(32,843,917)	(34,825,978)	(34,572,937)	(37,124,786)	(36,796,629)	(38,595,300)	(36,989,290)	(33,921,141)
Bad Debt Expense	(858,023)	(653,280)	(824,395)	(1,045,570)	(1,047,941)	(864,969)	(964,980)	(950,573)	(901,941)	(808,712)	(924,718)	(847,519)	(776,660)
GI HMO Discounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charity Care	(56,168)	(86,517)	(41,362)	(136,947)	(97,443)	(24,281)	(144,312)	(13,958)	(103,164)	(42,458)	(94,878)	(15,178)	(49,310)
<b>Total Deductions From Revenue</b>	<b>(20,502,339)</b>	<b>(18,585,527)</b>	<b>(17,501,490)</b>	<b>(32,449,666)</b>	<b>(34,690,589)</b>	<b>(33,733,167)</b>	<b>(35,935,270)</b>	<b>(35,537,468)</b>	<b>(38,129,891)</b>	<b>(37,647,799)</b>	<b>(39,614,896)</b>	<b>(37,851,987)</b>	<b>(34,747,111)</b>
	-83.9%	-82.7%	-82.3%	-86.5%	-87.3%	-90.9%	-88.2%	-86.4%	-89.7%	-95.6%	-87.6%	-88.0%	-88.1%
<b>Net Patient Revenue</b>	<b>3,930,908</b>	<b>3,882,859</b>	<b>3,763,563</b>	<b>5,085,799</b>	<b>5,056,932</b>	<b>3,358,438</b>	<b>4,799,443</b>	<b>5,586,877</b>	<b>4,365,652</b>	<b>1,722,999</b>	<b>5,588,160</b>	<b>5,145,037</b>	<b>4,712,269</b>
<b>Non- Patient Revenues</b>													
Supplemental Revenues	1,485,337	1,157,326	869,707	501,407	941,881	35,377	136,446	0	481,713	0	0	93,504	0
Grants & Other Op Revenues	205,590	750,434	505,190	725,066	986,421	115,377	158,046	129,370	193,230	131,437	177,703	131,682	211,609
Clinic Net Revenues	22,382	15,743	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Subsidies Measure D	196,524	199,469	209,744	229,405	213,402	246,994	246,994	246,994	246,994	246,994	246,994	246,994	246,994
Tax Subsidies Prop 13	115,388	114,061	142,552	146,104	189,707	154,500	154,500	154,500	154,500	154,500	154,500	154,500	154,500
Tax Subsidies County Suplmtl Funds	16,159	9,064	16,163	25,561	2,308	167,258	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Non-Patient Revenues</b>	<b>2,041,381</b>	<b>2,246,097</b>	<b>1,743,355</b>	<b>1,627,542</b>	<b>2,333,719</b>	<b>719,506</b>	<b>695,986</b>	<b>530,864</b>	<b>1,076,437</b>	<b>532,931</b>	<b>579,197</b>	<b>626,680</b>	<b>613,103</b>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>5,972,289</b>	<b>6,128,956</b>	<b>5,506,919</b>	<b>6,713,341</b>	<b>7,390,651</b>	<b>4,077,944</b>	<b>5,495,429</b>	<b>6,117,741</b>	<b>5,442,089</b>	<b>2,255,930</b>	<b>6,167,357</b>	<b>5,771,717</b>	<b>5,325,372</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>													
Salaries and Wages	2,941,226	3,104,224	3,125,159	3,420,974	3,634,721	4,119,595	3,674,360	3,550,566	3,776,105	3,194,719	4,333,628	5,126,248	3,539,249
Fringe Benefits	702,477	752,708	856,889	830,599	938,301	1,013,089	970,221	848,892	1,033,920	978,795	955,047	1,005,066	994,090
Contract Labor	106,628	59,516	114,886	99,977	81,255	170,728	101,775	193,746	176,561	242,190	122,459	145,922	129,020
Physicians Fees	246,631	331,858	350,783	330,533	299,739	280,402	260,382	307,954	290,783	282,650	798,595	462,618	382,672
Purchased Services	513,857	691,337	772,336	892,521	863,657	840,396	941,985	1,007,492	1,002,184	1,078,252	802,077	936,912	929,948
Supply Expense	685,518	751,025	903,883	995,446	953,253	700,018	814,829	906,328	861,780	762,898	650,227	648,726	832,331
Utilities	75,471	80,680	92,287	111,192	93,037	104,939	107,960	76,274	88,098	97,211	115,692	103,927	91,014
Repairs and Maintenance	58,325	58,592	139,712	77,524	76,806	61,860	69,232	147,878	136,677	92,822	44,993	141,551	102,566
Insurance Expense	85,267	103,277	110,683	112,745	119,548	185,434	133,116	147,115	138,116	128,116	146,380	38,130	130,918
All Other Operating Expenses	70,922	160,745	148,752	101,142	151,928	59,602	47,639	68,331	55,072	93,494	117,737	173,637	218,160
IGT Expense	58,743	109,484	172,366	0	91,499	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leases and Rentals	76,150	79,233	79,424	37,952	99,514	25,370	42,245	55,457	50,740	54,691	45,049	28,370	28,370
1206 (b) CLINIC	98,810	94,628	34,096	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>5,720,023</b>	<b>6,377,306</b>	<b>6,901,255</b>	<b>7,010,605</b>	<b>7,403,258</b>	<b>7,561,433</b>	<b>7,163,744</b>	<b>7,310,033</b>	<b>7,610,036</b>	<b>7,005,838</b>	<b>8,131,884</b>	<b>8,811,107</b>	<b>7,378,338</b>
<b>EBIDA</b>	<b>252,266</b>	<b>(248,351)</b>	<b>(1,394,337)</b>	<b>(297,264)</b>	<b>(12,606)</b>	<b>(3,483,489)</b>	<b>(1,668,315)</b>	<b>(1,192,292)</b>	<b>(2,167,947)</b>	<b>(4,749,908)</b>	<b>(1,964,527)</b>	<b>(3,039,390)</b>	<b>(2,052,966)</b>
<b>Interest, Depreciation, and Amortization</b>													
Depreciation Expense	497,808	506,497	494,721	472,317	495,039	514,671	515,528	605,920	571,451	569,523	577,088	640,273	626,702
Interest & Amortization Expense	418,193	422,094	447,994	391,606	484,663	434,111	445,099	383,794	405,597	370,607	369,556	442,597	453,676
<b>Total Interest, Depr, &amp; Amort.</b>	<b>916,000</b>	<b>928,591</b>	<b>942,715</b>	<b>863,923</b>	<b>979,702</b>	<b>948,782</b>	<b>960,627</b>	<b>989,714</b>	<b>977,048</b>	<b>940,130</b>	<b>946,644</b>	<b>1,082,870</b>	<b>1,080,378</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenue:</b>													
Contributions & Other	7,745	27,759	7,121	25,068	132,587	13,926	1,225,118	21,774	13,626	415,400	13,626	465,626	224,765
Tax Subsidies for GO Bonds - M-A	692,457	666,966	598,410	616,059	660,979	627,353	627,353	627,353	627,353	627,353	627,353	627,353	627,353
<b>Total Non Operating Revenue/(Expense)</b>	<b>700,202</b>	<b>694,725</b>	<b>605,531</b>	<b>641,127</b>	<b>793,566</b>	<b>641,279</b>	<b>1,852,471</b>	<b>649,127</b>	<b>640,979</b>	<b>1,042,753</b>	<b>640,979</b>	<b>1,092,979</b>	<b>852,118</b>
<b>Total Net Surplus/(Loss)</b>	<b>36,467</b>	<b>(482,217)</b>	<b>(1,731,521)</b>	<b>(520,060)</b>	<b>(198,742)</b>	<b>(3,790,992)</b>	<b>(776,471)</b>	<b>(1,532,879)</b>	<b>(2,504,016)</b>	<b>(4,647,285)</b>	<b>(2,270,192)</b>	<b>(3,029,281)</b>	<b>(2,281,226)</b>
Change in Interest in Foundation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extra-ordinary Loss	0	(689,574)	(650)	(284,792)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Increase/(Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets)</b>	<b>\$ 36,467</b>	<b>\$ (1,171,791)</b>	<b>\$ (1,732,171)</b>	<b>\$ (804,852)</b>	<b>\$ (198,742)</b>	<b>\$ (3,790,992)</b>	<b>\$ (776,471)</b>	<b>\$ (1,532,879)</b>	<b>\$ (2,504,016)</b>	<b>\$ (4,647,285)</b>	<b>\$ (2,270,192)</b>	<b>\$ (3,029,281)</b>	<b>\$ (2,281,226)</b>
<b>Total Profit Margin</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>-31.4%</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>	<b>-93.0%</b>	<b>-14.1%</b>	<b>-25.1%</b>	<b>-46.0%</b>	<b>-206.0%</b>	<b>-36.8%</b>	<b>-52.5%</b>	<b>-42.8%</b>
<b>EBIDA %</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>-25.3%</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-85.4%</b>	<b>-30.4%</b>	<b>-19.5%</b>	<b>-39.8%</b>	<b>-210.6%</b>	<b>-31.9%</b>	<b>-52.7%</b>	<b>-38.6%</b>

Actual EBIDA for Month						(3,483,489)	(1,668,315)	(1,192,292)	(2,167,947)	(4,749,908)	(1,964,527)	(3,039,390)	(2,052,966)
Adjustments to EBIDA to account for Cash Impact of GASB Lease Reclassification						(55,132)	(55,132)	(55,132)	(55,132)	(55,132)	(55,132)	(55,132)	(55,132)
Adjustment for Normalization of Supplemental Income Incl DSH & P4P (Net of Current Month Receipts)						1,586,070	1,485,001	1,621,447	1,139,734	1,621,447	1,621,447	1,527,943	1,621,447
Effective EBIDA after Normalization of Supplementals & Adjustments for Cash Outlays for Leases						(1,952,551)	(238,446)	(374,023)	(1,083,345)	(3,183,593)	(398,212)	(1,566,579)	(486,651)
<b>YTD</b>						<b>(2,190,997)</b>	<b>(1,816,973)</b>	<b>(2,900,318)</b>	<b>(6,083,911)</b>	<b>(6,482,123)</b>	<b>(8,048,701)</b>	<b>(8,535,352)</b>	

**BALANCE SHEET (Period End)**

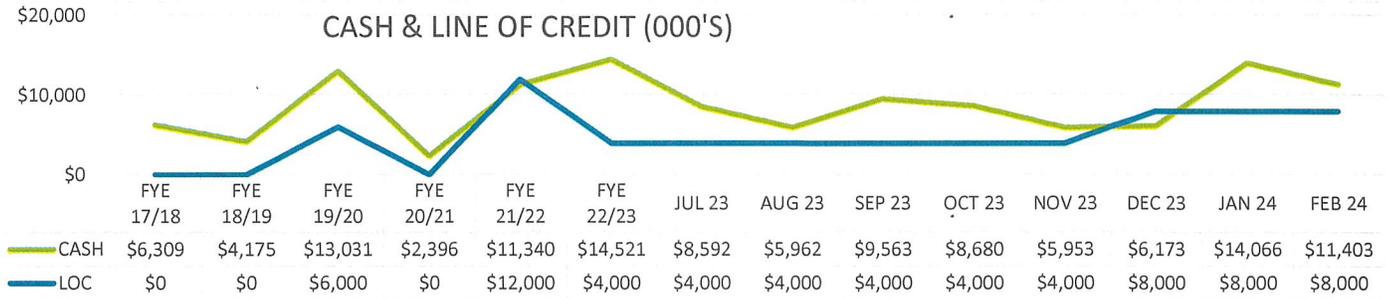
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Cash (000's)	Represents all unrestricted cash in the bank at each month-end.
Days Cash on Hand	Calculated by dividing amount of Cash on Hand by the historical average daily amount of cash requirements to cover operating expenses.
Accounts Receivable - Net (000's)	Equals the sum of all (patient) accounts that are due to the hospital, less estimated adjustments for discounts and other contractual disallowances for which the patients may be entitled.
A/R Days - Net	This measures the average number of days it takes to collect payment of the Net Accounts Receivable. Lower values are desired.
Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)	A measure that illustrates the ability for the hospital to pay its obligations that come due over the course of the next year. The greater the Current Assets as compared to the Current Liabilities, the stronger position the organization is in to pay its upcoming obligations. Desired position is greater than 1:00 to 1:00, preferably at least 1:25 to 1:00 or greater.
Quick Ratio	This measures the Cash + Net Accounts Receivable compared to the Current Liabilities. Desired ratio is greater than 1.00 : 1.00.
Accounts Payable (000's)	Reflects payment obligations of the Hospital as of a point in time. Excludes Loans, Payroll and other Debt obligations. Lower values are desired.
Accounts Payable Days	Reflects the average number of days that it takes to pay routine bills. Lower numbers are desired. Calculated by dividing the Accounts Payable amount by the historical average daily cost of routine expenses.
Line of Credit Balance (000's)	The amount that is currently borrowed from a lending institution as of a given point in time.

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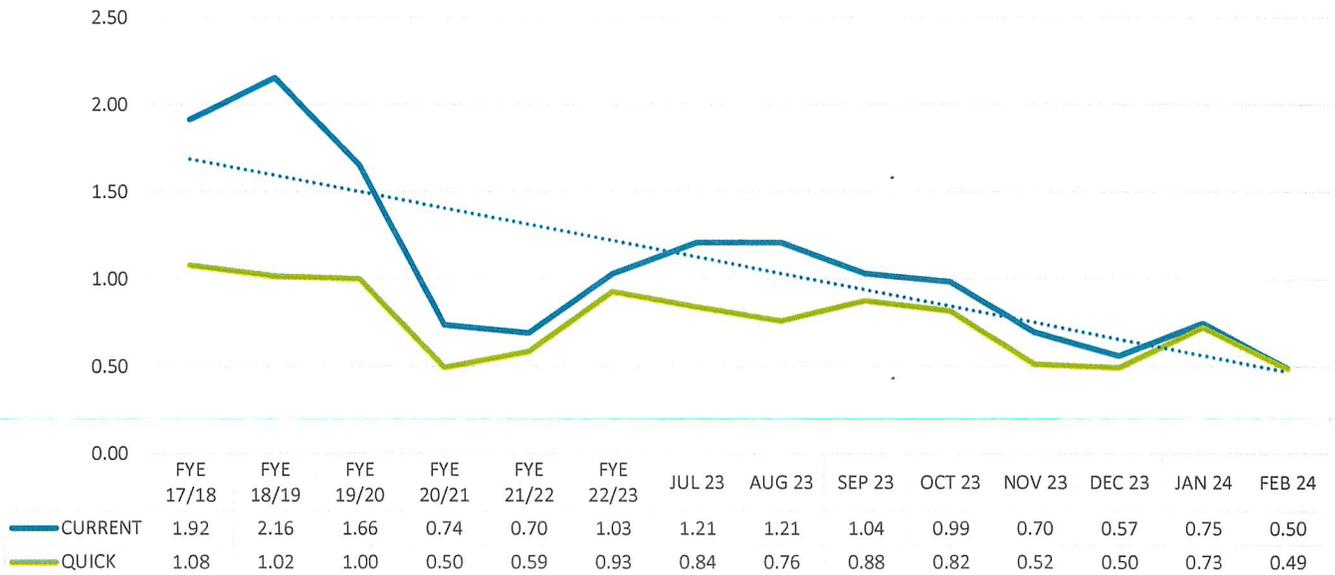
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## AVERAGE DAYS CASH ON HAND



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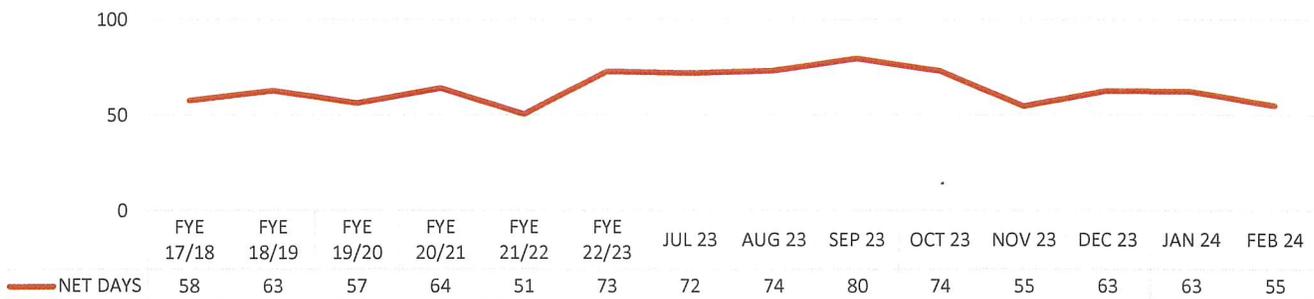


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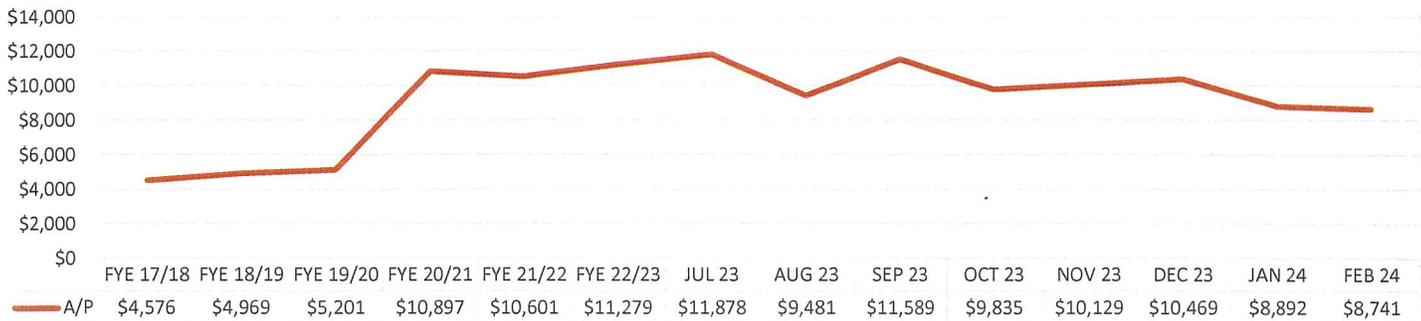
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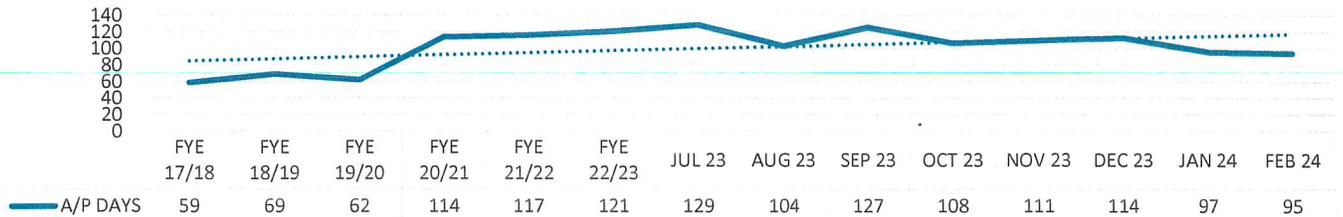
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## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (000'S)



## AVERAGE DAYS IN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	<b>SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT &amp; HOSPITAL</b>									
2	<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE FEBRUARY ACTUAL TO BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE PER CENTAGE</b>		<b>FEBRUARY 2024 YTD BUDGET</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024 YTD ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE FEBRUARY YTD ACTUAL TO BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD VARIANCE PER CENTAGE</b>
3	<b>NET INCOME</b>	(1,801,726)	(2,281,226)	<b>(479,500)</b>	<b>-26.6%</b>		(8,155,622)	(20,832,342)	(12,676,720)	<b>-155.4%</b>
4	<b>EBIDA</b>	(1,446,544)	(2,052,966)	<b>(606,422)</b>	<b>-41.9%</b>		(9,638,944)	(20,344,155)	(10,705,211)	<b>-111.1%</b>
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6	<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	5,730,915	5,325,372	(405,543)	-7.1%		49,412,504	40,653,579	(8,758,925)	-17.7%
7	NET PATIENT REVENUE	5,062,485	4,712,269	(350,216)	-6.9%		43,436,828	35,278,875	(8,157,953)	-18.8%
13	OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	668,430	613,103	(55,327)	-8.3%		5,975,676	5,374,704	(600,972)	-10.1%
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21	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	7,177,459	7,378,338	200,879	2.8%		59,051,448	60,997,734	(1,946,286)	-3.3%
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35	<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE &amp; EXPENSE</b>	655,777	852,118	196,341	29.9%		9,221,471	7,412,685	(1,808,786)	-19.6%
39	TOTAL INTEREST & DEPRECIATION	1,010,959	1,080,378	69,419	6.9%		7,738,149	7,900,872	(162,723)	-2.1%
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	<b>SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT &amp; HOSPITAL</b>						
2	<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>JUNE 2023</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>	<b>VARIANCE JANUARY TO FEBRUARY</b>	<b>VARIANCE PERCENTAGE</b>
3	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>112,558,570</b>	<b>104,958,733</b>	<b>112,391,784</b>	<b>116,795,348</b>	<b>4,403,564</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
4	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	29,638,354	19,794,071	24,748,448	20,163,177	(4,585,271)	-18.5%
16	ASSETS WHICH USE IS LIMITED	9,102,770	13,828,639	16,738,243	25,652,223	8,913,980	53.3%
17	NET PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT	73,452,527	71,482,689	71,054,280	71,131,575	77,295	0.1%
24	OTHER ASSETS	364,919	(146,666)	(149,187)	(151,627)	(2,440)	1.6%
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26	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>112,558,570</b>	<b>104,958,668</b>	<b>112,391,706</b>	<b>116,795,275</b>	<b>(4,403,569)</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>
27	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>148,421,077</b>	<b>164,602,704</b>	<b>175,065,023</b>	<b>181,749,818</b>	<b>(6,684,795)</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>
28	<b>CURRENT LIABILITES</b>	28,682,871	32,185,743	32,865,186	40,708,106	(7,842,920)	-23.9%
39	<b>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</b>	119,738,206	132,416,961	142,199,837	141,041,712	1,158,125	0.8%
41	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(35,862,507)</b>	<b>(59,644,036)</b>	<b>(62,673,317)</b>	<b>(64,954,543)</b>	<b>2,281,226</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
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## SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

		FY23	FY 24	FY 24		FY 23	FY 24	FY 24		FY 23
		02/28/23	02/29/24	02/29/24		2023	2024	2024		2023
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET		8 MOS YTD ACTUAL	8 MOS YTD ACTUAL	8 MOS.YTD BUDGET		YR END TOTAL
[1]	Total Acute Patient Days	597	582	702		5,431	5,357	5,668		7,636
[2]	Average Daily Census	21.3	20.1	24.2		22.3	22.0	23.2		20.9
[3]	Average Acute Length of Stay	3.7	3.8	3.9		3.6	3.8	3.5		3.5
[4]	Patient Discharges	162	153	181		1,512	1,415	1,612		2,186
[5]	Adjusted Patient Days	1,644	1,852	1,841		14,513	15,244	15,267		21,460
[6]	Observation Days	264	346	269		2,084	2,519	2,269		3,160
[7]	Total Emergency Room Visits	2,956	3,329	3,564		28,115	28,182	30,033		41,821
[8]	Average ED Visits Per Day	106	115	123		116	116	123		115
[9]	Total Surgeries (Excluding G.I.'s)	107	89	117		946	810	1,018		1,433
[10]	Deliveries/Births	11	7	10		96	75	101		131

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	<b>SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT &amp; HOSPITAL</b>									
2	<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE FEBRUARY ACTUAL TO BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE PER CENTAGE</b>		<b>FEBRUARY 2024 YTD BUDGET</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024 YTD ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE FEBRUARY YTD ACTUAL TO BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD VARIANCE PER CENTAGE</b>
3	<b>NET INCOME</b>	(1,801,726)	(2,281,226)	(479,500)	-26.6%		(8,155,622)	(20,832,342)	(12,676,720)	-155.4%
4	<b>EBIDA</b>	(1,446,544)	(2,052,966)	(606,422)	-41.9%		(9,638,944)	(20,344,155)	(10,705,211)	-111.1%
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6	<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	5,730,915	5,325,372	(405,543)	-7.1%		49,412,504	40,653,579	(8,758,925)	-17.7%
7	NET PATIENT REVENUE	5,062,485	4,712,269	(350,216)	-6.9%		43,436,828	35,278,875	(8,157,953)	-18.8%
8	GROSS REVENUE FROM PATIENT SERVICES	40,597,327	39,459,380	(1,137,947)	-2.8%		338,119,298	328,476,464	(9,642,834)	-2.9%
9	TOTAL INPATIENT REVENUE	15,387,064	12,466,980	(2,920,084)	-19.0%		125,873,399	115,710,329	(10,163,070)	-8.1%
10	TOTAL OUTPATIENT REVENUE	25,210,263	26,992,400	1,782,137	7.1%		212,245,899	212,766,135	520,236	0.2%
11	DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE	(35,534,842)	(34,747,111)	787,731	-2.2%		(294,682,470)	(293,197,589)	1,484,881	-0.5%
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13	OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	668,430	613,103	(55,327)	-8.3%		5,975,676	5,374,704	(600,972)	-10.1%
14	OTHER REVENUE - RATE RANGE	0	0	0	0.0%		0	0	0	0.0%
15	OTHER REVENUE - OTHER SUPPLEMENTALS	0	0	0	0.0%		434,000	481,713	47,713	11.0%
16	OTHER REVENUE - DSH	0	0	0	0.0%		56,236	99,536	43,300	77.0%
17	OTHER REVENUE - P4P	0	8,283	8,283	0.0%		138,000	214,608	76,608	55.5%
18	OTHER REVENUE - OTHER	258,603	203,326	(55,277)	-21.4%		2,068,824	1,199,637	(869,187)	-42.0%
19	OPERATING TAX REVENUES	409,827	401,494	(8,333)	-2.0%		3,278,616	3,379,210	100,594	3.1%
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21	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	7,177,459	7,378,338	200,879	2.8%		59,051,448	60,997,734	(1,946,286)	-3.3%
22	<b>TOTAL LABOR EXPENSE</b>	4,618,275	4,662,359	44,084	1.0%		38,191,388	40,395,991	(2,204,603)	-5.8%
23	WAGES	3,539,986	3,539,249	(737)	0.0%		29,481,686	31,314,470	(1,832,784)	-6.2%
24	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	989,689	994,090	4,401	0.4%		7,993,281	7,799,120	(194,161)	-2.4%
25	CONTRACT LABOR	88,600	129,020	40,420	45.6%		716,421	1,282,401	(565,980)	-79.0%
26	PHYSICIAN FEES	312,187	382,672	70,485	22.6%		2,497,496	3,066,056	(568,560)	-22.8%
27	PURCHASED SERVICES	900,692	929,948	29,256	3.2%		7,039,558	7,539,246	(499,688)	-7.1%
28	SUPPLY EXPENSE	889,842	832,331	(57,511)	-6.5%		7,426,647	6,177,137	(1,249,510)	-16.8%
29	UTILITIES	100,148	91,014	(9,134)	-9.1%		851,957	785,115	(66,842)	-7.8%
30	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	81,641	102,566	20,925	25.6%		660,082	797,579	(137,497)	-20.8%
31	INSURANCE	146,289	130,918	(15,371)	-10.5%		1,170,312	1,047,326	(122,986)	-10.5%
32	OTHER EXPENSES	83,011	218,160	135,149	162.8%		851,016	833,672	(17,344)	-2.0%
33	LEASE AND RENTALS	45,374	28,370	(17,004)	-37.5%		362,992	355,612	(7,380)	-2.0%
34										
35	<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE &amp; EXPENSE</b>	655,777	852,118	196,341	29.9%		9,221,471	7,412,685	(1,808,786)	-19.6%
36	OTHER NON-OPERATING REVENUE	28,424	224,765	196,341	690.8%		4,202,647	2,393,861	(1,808,786)	-43.0%
37	NON-OPERATING TAX REVENUE	627,353	627,353	0	0.0%		5,018,824	5,018,824	0	0.0%
38	EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE	0	0	0	0.0%		0	0	0	0.0%
39	TOTAL INTEREST & DEPRECIATION	1,010,959	1,080,378	69,419	6.9%		7,738,149	7,900,872	(162,723)	-2.1%
40	DEPRECIATION	572,172	626,702	54,530	9.5%		4,227,853	4,595,835	(367,982)	-8.7%
41	INTEREST & AMORTIZATION	438,787	453,676	14,889	3.4%		3,510,296	3,305,037	(205,259)	-5.8%
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1	SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT & HOSPITAL									
2	INCOME STATEMENT	FEBRUARY 2024 FLEX BUDGET	FEBRUARY 2024 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FEBRUARY ACTUAL TO FLEX BUDGET	VARIANCE PER CENTAGE		FEBRUARY 2024 YTD FLEX BUDGET	FEBRUARY 2024 YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE FEBRUARY YTD ACTUAL TO FLEX BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE PER CENTAGE
3	NET INCOME	(3,653,696)	(2,281,226)	1,372,470	37.6%		(14,077,556)	(20,832,342)	(6,754,786)	-48.0%
4	EBIDA	(3,299,557)	(2,052,966)	1,246,591	37.8%		(15,570,773)	(20,344,155)	(4,773,382)	-30.7%
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6	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,757,747	5,325,372	1,567,625	-41.7%		42,940,219	40,653,579	(2,286,640)	5.3%
7	NET PATIENT REVENUE	3,089,317	4,712,269	1,622,952	-52.5%		36,621,472	35,278,875	(1,342,597)	3.7%
8	GROSS REVENUE FROM PATIENT SERVICES	37,915,246	39,459,380	1,544,134	-4.1%		323,303,632	328,476,464	5,172,832	-1.6%
9	TOTAL INPATIENT REVENUE	12,701,112	12,466,980	(234,132)	1.8%		119,542,203	115,710,329	(3,831,874)	3.2%
10	TOTAL OUTPATIENT REVENUE	25,214,134	26,992,400	1,778,266	-7.1%		203,761,429	212,766,135	9,004,706	-4.4%
11	DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE	(34,825,929)	(34,747,111)	78,818	0.2%		(286,682,160)	(293,197,589)	(6,515,429)	-2.3%
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13	OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	668,430	613,103	(55,327)	8.3%		6,318,747	5,374,704	(944,043)	14.9%
14	OTHER REVENUE - RATE RANGE	0	0	0	0.0%		0	0	0	0.0%
15	OTHER REVENUE - OTHER SUPPLEMENTALS	0	0	0	0.0%		889,571	481,713	(407,858)	45.8%
16	OTHER REVENUE - DSH	0	0	0	0.0%		56,236	99,536	43,300	-77.0%
17	OTHER REVENUE - P4P	0	8,283	8,283	0.0%		138,000	214,608	76,608	-55.5%
18	OTHER REVENUE - OTHER	258,603	203,326	(55,277)	21.4%		1,956,324	1,199,637	(756,687)	38.7%
19	OPERATING TAX REVENUES	409,827	401,494	(8,333)	2.0%		3,278,616	3,379,210	100,594	-3.1%
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21	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	7,057,304	7,378,338	321,034	-4.5%		58,510,992	60,997,734	(2,486,742)	4.3%
22	TOTAL LABOR EXPENSE	4,548,650	4,662,359	113,709	-2.5%		38,260,765	40,395,991	(2,135,226)	5.6%
23	WAGES	3,504,928	3,539,249	34,321	-1.0%		29,773,360	31,314,470	(1,541,110)	5.2%
24	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	971,145	994,090	22,945	-2.4%		7,870,422	7,799,120	71,302	-0.9%
25	CONTRACT LABOR	72,577	129,020	56,443	-77.8%		616,983	1,282,401	(665,418)	107.9%
26	PHYSICIAN FEES	378,853	382,672	3,819	-1.0%		2,597,495	3,066,056	(468,561)	18.0%
27	PURCHASED SERVICES	877,402	929,948	52,546	-6.0%		6,919,843	7,539,246	(619,403)	9.0%
28	SUPPLY EXPENSE	796,624	832,331	35,707	-4.5%		6,841,934	6,177,137	664,797	-9.7%
29	UTILITIES	100,148	91,014	(9,134)	9.1%		851,957	785,115	66,842	-7.8%
30	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	81,354	102,566	21,212	-26.1%		658,854	797,579	(138,725)	21.1%
31	INSURANCE	146,289	130,918	(15,371)	10.5%		1,170,312	1,047,326	122,986	-10.5%
32	OTHER EXPENSES	82,621	218,160	135,539	-164.0%		846,880	833,672	13,208	-1.6%
33	LEASE AND RENTALS	45,363	28,370	(16,993)	37.5%		362,952	355,612	7,340	-2.0%
34										
35	NON-OPERATING REVENUE & EXPENSE	655,777	852,118	196,341	-29.9%		9,221,471	7,412,685	(1,808,786)	19.6%
36	OTHER NON-OPERATING REVENUE	28,424	224,765	196,341	-690.8%		4,202,647	2,393,861	(1,808,786)	43.0%
37	NON-OPERATING TAX REVENUE	627,353	627,353	0	0.0%		5,018,824	5,018,824	0	0.0%
38	EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE						0	0	0	0.0%
39	TOTAL INTEREST & DEPRECIATION	1,009,916	1,080,378	70,462	-7.0%		7,728,254	7,900,872	(172,618)	2.2%
40	DEPRECIATION	571,129	626,702	55,573	-9.7%		4,217,958	4,595,835	(377,877)	9.0%
41	INTEREST & AMORTIZATION	438,787	453,676	14,889	-3.4%		3,510,296	3,305,037	205,259	-5.8%
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1	<b>SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT &amp; HOSPITAL</b>						
2	<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>JUNE 2023</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>	<b>VARIANCE JANUARY TO FEBRUARY</b>	<b>VARIANCE PERCENTAGE</b>
3	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>112,558,570</b>	<b>104,958,733</b>	<b>112,391,784</b>	<b>116,795,348</b>	<b>4,403,564</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
4	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	29,638,354	19,794,071	24,748,448	20,163,177	(4,585,271)	-18.5%
5	CASH & EQUIVALENTS	14,521,085	6,174,780	14,066,154	11,403,144	(2,663,010)	-18.9%
6	NET PATIENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	12,177,379	9,521,666	9,874,552	8,727,661	(1,146,891)	-11.6%
7	HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	86,192,181	90,684,885	93,057,632	86,742,095	(6,315,537)	-6.8%
8	LESS: ALLOWANCE FOR BAD DEBTS	(74,014,802)	(81,163,219)	(83,183,080)	(78,014,434)	5,168,646	-6.2%
9	OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	2,939,890	4,097,625	807,742	32,372	(775,370)	-96.0%
10	TAXES RECEIVABLE	2,263,620	3,192,397	(127,692)	(891,616)	(763,924)	598.3%
11	MISC RECEIVABLE	64,052	(693,350)	(864,269)	(905,410)	(41,141)	4.8%
12	DUE FROM 3RD PARTIES	(1,097,349)	(1,188,457)	(1,180,265)	(1,139,145)	41,120	-3.5%
13	INVENTORIES	1,311,782	1,952,252	2,029,198	2,055,785	26,587	1.3%
14	PREPAID EXPENSES	397,785	834,783	950,770	912,758	(38,012)	-4.0%
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16	ASSETS WHICH USE IS LIMITED	9,102,770	13,828,639	16,738,243	25,652,223	8,913,980	53.3%
17	NET PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT	73,452,527	71,482,689	71,054,280	71,131,575	77,295	0.1%
18	PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT	166,692,035	167,745,456	167,809,768	168,379,784	570,016	0.3%
19	LAND & LAND IMPROVEMENTS	4,828,182	4,828,182	4,828,182	4,828,182	0	0.0%
20	BUILDINGS & BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	129,281,491	129,281,491	129,281,491	129,281,491	0	0.0%
21	FIXED EQUIPMENT	29,262,127	29,228,687	29,253,252	29,539,960	286,708	1.0%
22	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	3,320,235	4,407,096	4,446,843	4,730,151	283,308	6.4%
23	LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	364,919	(146,666)	(149,187)	(151,627)	(2,440)	1.6%
24	OTHER ASSETS	364,919	(146,666)	(149,187)	(151,627)	(2,440)	1.6%
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26	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>112,558,570</b>	<b>104,958,668</b>	<b>112,391,706</b>	<b>116,795,275</b>	<b>(4,403,569)</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>
27	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>148,421,077</b>	<b>164,602,704</b>	<b>175,065,023</b>	<b>181,749,818</b>	<b>(6,684,795)</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>
28	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	28,682,871	32,185,743	32,865,186	40,708,106	(7,842,920)	-23.9%
29	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	11,278,786	10,083,644	8,892,365	8,741,320	151,045	1.7%
30	PAYROLL PAYABLES	6,484,769	5,557,165	7,099,787	6,762,104	337,683	4.8%
31	SALARIES & WAGES PAYABLE	579,682	(774,910)	277,264	161,843	115,421	41.6%
32	PAYROLL TAXES & DEDUCTIONS PAYABLE	3,235,802	3,604,352	4,094,800	2,902,043	1,192,757	29.1%
33	ACCRUED PTO & SICK DAYS PAYABLE	2,669,285	2,727,723	2,727,723	3,698,218	(970,495)	-35.6%
34	LINE OF CREDIT	4,043,719	8,054,535	8,056,337	12,058,140	(4,001,803)	-49.7%
35	OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,875,597	8,490,399	8,816,697	13,146,542	(4,329,845)	-49.1%
36	ACCRUED INTEREST PAYABLE	1,609,780	3,581,044	3,941,980	4,302,917	(360,937)	-9.2%
37	OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,265,817	4,909,355	4,874,717	8,843,625	3,968,908	81.4%
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39	<b>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</b>	119,738,206	132,416,961	142,199,837	141,041,712	1,158,125	0.8%
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41	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	(35,862,507)	(59,644,036)	(62,673,317)	(64,954,543)	2,281,226	-3.6%
42	NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED	(35,862,507)	(59,644,036)	(62,673,317)	(64,954,543)	2,281,226	-3.6%
43	NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF PERIOD	(33,723,881)	(44,122,201)	(44,122,201)	(44,122,201)	0	0.0%
44	CURRENT YEAR NET GAIN/(LOSS)	(2,138,626)	(15,521,835)	(18,551,116)	(20,832,342)	(2,281,226)	12.3%
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1	<b>SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT &amp; HOSPITAL</b>					<b>CASH FLOW</b>	
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3						<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
4						<b>2/29/2024</b>	<b>2/29/2024</b>
5	<b>BEGINNING CASH BALANCES</b>						
6		Cash: Beginning Balances- Hospital				\$ (801,381)	\$ 10,775,913
7		Cash: Beginning Balances- District				14,867,535	2,808,453
8		Cash: Beginning Balances Totals				\$ 14,066,154	\$ 13,584,366
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10	<b>Receipts</b>						
11		Patient Collections				\$ 5,823,367	\$ 38,721,514
12		Tax Subsidies/Measure D/Prop 13				401,494	3,211,952
13		Misc Tax Subsidies				-	167,258
14		Donations/Grants/Loans				1,325,795	11,527,869
15		Supplemental Funding (Rate Range, Etc.)				4,000,000	4,653,536
16		Draws/(Paydown) of LOC Balances				4,000,000	4,000,000
17		Other Revenues/Receipts/Transfers				225,186	6,447,443
18	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>					\$ 15,775,842	\$ 68,729,572
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20	<b>Disbursements</b>						
21		Wages, Benefits, & Contract Labor				\$ 4,662,359	\$ 39,311,274
22		Other Operating Costs				3,075,979	21,005,698
23		Capital Spending				599,153	1,671,784
24		Debt Service Payments				2,547,795	2,798,778
25		Other - Changes in Accounts Payable, Other				7,553,566	6,123,260
26	<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>					\$ 18,438,852	\$ 70,910,794
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28	<b>TOTAL CHANGE in CASH</b>					\$ (2,663,010)	\$ (2,181,222)
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30	<b>ENDING CASH BALANCES</b>						
31		Ending Balances- Hospital				\$ 4,036,356	\$ 7,491,349
32		Ending Balances- District				7,366,788	3,911,795
33		Ending Balances- Totals				\$ 11,403,144	\$ 11,403,144
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37		LOC Current Balances				\$ 12,000,000	\$ 8,000,000
38		LOC Interest Expense Incurred				27,200	121,217
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## DISTRICT HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

March 11, 2024

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### **Subject: DHLF Comments on the Proposed Statewide Health Care Spending Target Recommendations to the Board**

Dear Ms. Brubaker:

On behalf of California's 33 district and municipal hospitals, the District Hospital Leadership Forum (DHLF) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA) staff recommendation for a proposed statewide health care spending target. **OHCA staff's recommendation does not adequately consider the factors driving health care spending growth, nor does it consider significant investments needed in health care (e.g., Medi-Cal program). Unfortunately, if the OHCA Board were to adopt the proposed staff recommendation of a 3% annual target over 2025-2029, underserved communities would experience reductions of essential health care services, potentially exacerbating health disparities and perpetuating inequality for low-income Californians.**

District and municipal hospitals, with publicly elected Boards of Directors; are proud to be local governments responsible for providing the health care needs of their communities. Over two-thirds are considered rural, and more than half have a critical access hospital (CAH) designation. On an annual basis, approximately 50% of their inpatient days are for services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, collectively they deliver 20,000 babies, and provide over 3.5 million outpatient visits. They serve as the safety-net providers in their communities with few alternatives—providing health care services to significant levels of uninsured and Medi-Cal patients.

District and municipal hospitals are grateful for the Administration and Legislature's swift action in 2023 to establish the Distressed Hospital Loan Program (DHLP). **More than 30% of district and municipal hospitals qualified as distressed and received DHLP loans totaling more than 50% of the available funds in the program.** Given that district and municipal hospitals only represent 8% of hospitals statewide, qualifying for this level of support with short-term loans should provide a current financial status for these providers and the inherent risk of access to health care in the communities they serve. The concerns from our hospital leaders stated below are not intended to paint worst case scenarios—they are concerns founded on this reality for health care in many rural and underserved communities in our state.

***OHCA's proposed 3% annual target fails to account for the impact to access and quality of health care for Californians—especially, those in underserved areas that district and municipal hospitals serve.***

Feedback from district and municipal hospital leaders is clear—adopting a 3% annual target will have *dire effects* on the health of communities in which they serve. Fundamentally, if the OHCA Board adopts a 3% annual target they are assuming that all existing health care spending and investments occurring today are happening in the right place and at the right levels. That means, funding for programs like Medi-Cal—which provides health care to more than 1 out of 3 Californians or 1 out of 2 children in California—are at sustainable levels today.

As evident by the Governor himself with the most recent budget proposals, this could not be further from the truth. ***Significant new spending is needed to transform the Medi-Cal program and place it on a sustainable pathway moving forward.*** This is precisely why the Administration and Legislature passed AB 119 (Chapter 13, Statutes of 2023) which required the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to pursue the implementation of a new Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax, raising more than \$32 billion off managed care plans over a 3.75-year period. The federal government approved the proposal in December, and now the Governor is proposing to use a portion of the new tax proceeds to support more than \$25 billion in new Targeted Provider Rate (TRI) increases for the Medi-Cal program. The Administration and DHCS have even acknowledged publicly, the proposed new TRI investments do not provide enough added resources to raise the level of Medi-Cal provider reimbursement for all, and instead are *targeting these investments in areas and for providers that need them the most.*

Adopting a statewide 3% annual target across all payers beginning in CY 2025, will effectively lock California into these existing inequities which will have irreversible and detrimental impacts to the future of health care in communities that need help the most. Proposed investments like TRI, or significant expansions to existing “self-financed” Medi-Cal supplemental payments, would be restricted and force providers into tough decisions as they evaluate whether they can afford to continue to maintain existing levels of participation in the Medi-Cal program. As result, our hospital leaders believe there will be a direct correlation in the implementation of an annual 3% spending target that does not acknowledge or allow for significant Medi-Cal investments and the reduction of essential health care services for underserved communities across the state. Specifically, it means scaling back on specialized care for chronic conditions, such as diabetes management or prenatal care, which are crucial for maintaining overall health and well-being for their communities. Any discretionary investments that happen today in community outreach programs and supportive services aimed at supporting the Governor’s CalAIM initiatives and addressing social determinants of health may be at risk of being slashed, further deepening the impact on these underserved populations.

Maintaining access to essential health care in many underserved communities across California relies heavily on public providers like district and municipal hospitals. ***They are the safety-net providers in their communities and provide more than just life-saving care.*** Even though many hospitals/health systems may have recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic—some large health systems even acquiring other hospitals—unfortunately, the district and municipal hospitals are not in that same position. Simply put, they have not fully recovered—they are experiencing

significant workforce challenges, and their current financial state is not sustainable as evident by the high proportion needing DHLP loans. The bottom line, capping overall growth in health care spending to 3% on annual basis, assumes health care spending in their communities is in the right place and currently is at satisfactory levels. The reality is this decision will force these communities to reevaluate what services can be provided. District and municipal hospitals will have to explore ways to reduce costs (e.g., new investments, staffing), and the concerns raised by leaders are, this will lead to an increased risk in hospital bankruptcies (e.g., Hazel Hawkins) and/or closures (e.g., Madera)—targeting those underserved communities in California that need help the most.

***OHCA's proposed methodology fails to consider known factors that influence health care spending (e.g., demographic factors, delivery system investments, medical inflation and pharmaceutical pricing, labor costs, and new health care policies) and the treatment of Medi-Cal supplemental payments.***

The OHCA staff's recommendation to base the annual growth target on the 20-year historical period of median household income in California, does not consider the statutory requirements when establishing a methodology defined in Health and Safety Code (HSC) 127502(d). More specifically, the methodology does not consider any of the provisions summarized below:

*(d)(3)—Trends & COVID: Historical trends in Medi-Cal, Medicare, and Commercial Health Coverage. Differential treatment of 2020 and 2021 calendar years due to the impacts of COVID-19.*

*(d)(4)—Factors, including, but not limited to: health care employment cost index, labor costs, consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, impacts due to known emerging diseases, trends in the price of health care technologies, provider payer mix, state or local mandates such as required capital improvement projects, and any relevant state and federal policy changes impacting covered benefits, provider reimbursement, and costs.*

*(d)(5)(A)—Medi-Cal: the provision of nonfederal share associated with Medi-Cal payments.*

*(d)(5)(B)(i)—Medi-Cal: supplemental payments for Medi-Cal services and underinsured patients.*

*(d)(5)(B)(ii)—Medi-Cal: nonfederal share and fees (e.g., Hospital Tax 24% Fee for Children's Coverage, 20% Administrative Fees on Intergovernmental Transfers).*

*(d)(5)(B)(iii)—Medi-Cal: health care-related taxes (e.g., MCO Tax, Hospital Tax)*

*(d)(5)(C)—Medi-Cal: Methodology that cannot jeopardize federal requirements for federal financial participation (e.g., actuarial soundness requirements when developing Medi-Cal capitations).*

The Legislature carefully considered and ensured in the authorizing legislation these requirements for any OHCA annual target to take into consideration the interactions with the Medi-Cal program. Unfortunately, the OHCA staff's recommendation completely disregarded the statutory required consideration of the Medi-Cal program and clearly did not acknowledge the specific importance of Medi-Cal supplemental payments and health care related taxes which serve to support the Medi-Cal program. Today, the Medi-Cal program accounts for roughly 30% of all health care spending in the state on an annual basis. In state fiscal year 2023-24, the Medi-Cal Program has an annual budget totaling more than \$150 billion, with nearly \$24 billion or **25% of the annual budget supported by non-federal sources that are not attributed to the state**

**General Fund** (e.g., MCO Taxes, Skilled Nursing Facility Fees, Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Quality Assurance Fees, Private Hospital Taxes, Public Hospital Certified Public Expenditures, or Intergovernmental Transfers, etc.)<sup>1</sup>. The interaction this critical revenue source plays on the California health care market—supporting 15 million Californians—cannot be understated. ***It also means, when a district or municipal hospital receives funding for Medi-Cal services, that it is likely to be Medi-Cal revenue supported by the governmental entity rather than the state General Fund.*** When it shows up in the Medi-Cal budget or what the Medi-Cal managed care plans will report to OHCA later this year as total payments, for the provider, that's not actually the net patient revenue the hospital can count on—rather OHCA will be seeing it from a gross revenue perspective. This further adds to the importance and why the Legislature wrote into statute the requirement for the OHCA annual spending target methodology to take these factors into account.

Medi-Cal safety-net providers, including district and municipal hospitals who primarily provide services to Medi-Cal and Medicare beneficiaries (75%+ government payer mix), are concerned by how the proposed annual spending target will reconcile with anticipated spending growth over the next few years, which is projected for Medi-Cal to grow between 5-6% annually (projections by DHCS and the Legislative Analyst's Office<sup>2</sup>).

The proposed methodology also fails to consider known factors that influence health care spending (e.g., demographic factors, delivery system investments, medical inflation and pharmaceutical pricing, labor costs, and new health care policies).

**Aging population**—Not only does the proposed methodology lock in existing spending inequities, but also fails to consider an aging population in California. While California's overall population has stagnated recently (~40 million people), the Department of Finance projects the proportion of Californians aged 65+ will continue to grow relative to the under 65-year-old populations. Our leaders are shocked to see this important demographic factor completely omitted. Health care spending in an aging society will place more of a burden on the health care system which will apply more pressure on annual per capita spending, especially over an extended period (e.g., 2025-2029). The trend of aging populations choosing to move/retire in more rural communities due to housing affordability, is something that has been happening for the past several decades and will disproportionately impact the communities in which district and municipal hospitals serve. Additionally, DHCS also expects significant changes in the low-income dual eligible populations with the implementation of a D-SNP requirements for all Medi-Cal managed care plans by 2027. For the reasons stated above—aging societal demands on health care system especially in underserved communities and the changing dual-eligible market dynamics going live soon—hospital leaders do not understand how any credible target chooses to ignore these factors.

**Medical inflation and pharmaceutical pricing**—Absent from the proposed methodology, are adjustments for well-known factors and uncontrollable medical inflation—pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and new technologies. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services<sup>3</sup>, pharmaceutical prices for essential medications increased by 15.2% over the period between January 2022 to January 2023. Unfortunately, these significant increases place a heavy

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<sup>1</sup> November 2023 Medi-Cal Local Assistance Estimate ([Link](#))

<sup>2</sup> December 2023 Legislative Analyst Office Medi-Cal Fiscal Outlook ([Link](#))

<sup>3</sup> October 2023 Report, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), HHS ([Link](#))

burden on patients and the health care systems who cannot control these prices. This does not include other significant increases in costs for medical devices such as prosthetics or implantable devices, or other advancements in medical technology. Unlike payers (HSC 127500.2(o)), full integrated delivery systems (HSC 127500.2(h), providers (HSC 127500.2(q), physician organizations (HSC 127500.2(p), and health care entities (HSC 127500.2(k), pharmaceutical and medical device manufactures, and technology industry, are not subject to any oversight or enforcement under the current purview of the OHCA. Not only will this create a division across the industry as we collectively strive to improve health care affordability for the consumers of California, but leaving out this factor or ignoring the rapid growth in the annual spending targets will force the entities subject to enforcement actions by OHCA to cut other “controllable” areas of spending (e.g., services, staffing, new investments). Effectively, it will create a race to the bottom and areas of investment, or “good spending” will suffer.

**Labor costs and new health care policies**—The proposed methodology also fails to consider other required adjustments contemplated carefully by the legislature (*HSC 127502(d)(4)*) which would account for the rising labor costs and other state or legislatively-required health care policies. District and municipal hospitals are no different than the rest of the hospital industry—a sizable portion of their overall cost structure is attributed to salaries and wages for their staff. For our critical access district hospitals (CAHs), that staff may also include physicians who are employed. The collective impact from recent statutory requirements like Senate Bill 525 (Chapter 890, Statutes of 2023) which increases health care worker minimum wage and the outstanding costs of complying with the state’s 2030 seismic standards, cannot be ignored. Statewide, these policy decisions will add *billions* in new health care spending over the next few years, and for district and municipal hospitals the impact will be significant. The proposed methodology fails to consider these realities and other state mandated policies. Without clear acknowledgment and consider of these factors in the first annual spending target, leaders are worried this will create a precedent that sends a message to the Legislature that similar actions that increase future health care costs do not impact spending.

***Legislation allows for the OHCA Board to adopt a single year target—there is no requirement to adopt a five-year target.***

It is not clear to district and municipal hospital leaders why the OHCA staff believe a five-year recommendation fixed at 3% is best for “*improving health care affordability, access, and equity of health care for Californians (HSC 127500.5)*.” Especially, when OHCA staff’s recommendation will enact irreparable harm to underserved communities by failing to comply with statutory requirements, ignoring the importance of Medi-Cal and the necessary investments proposed by the Governor, and lastly failing to consider factors outside the control of those being regulated by this new office.

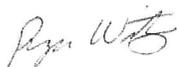
We urge the OHCA Board—a Board that the Legislature envisioned would be independent—to evaluate the timelines within the authorizing legislation and not rush towards creating enforceable spending targets without a data-driven and more credible target-setting process. This important decision by the OHCA Board to establish the first annual spending target will create precedence for years to come and should not ignore critical factors that influence health care spending.

***We urge the OHCA Board to specifically consider the following:***

- Use the March 27<sup>th</sup> OHCA Board meeting to publicly review and discuss with OHCA staff the feedback collected through this public comment process. Be transparent!
- Return the recommendation back to OHCA staff and have them revise the methodology only to assume CY 2025. This work to revise the methodology can be done between the March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> OHCA Board meetings. In April, request for OHCA staff to return with a revised CY 2025 recommendation that satisfies the statutory requirements, adjustments for factors that influence spending, and intent of the legislation.
- Approve only a CY 2025 target during the May 22<sup>nd</sup> OHCA Board meeting. Additionally, request the OHCA staff present their proposed workplan for developing the CY 2026 target and request they take into account the actual data that will be collected by the Office later this year.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments and stand ready to assist the OHCA staff in developing a thoughtful, data-driven approach to establishing spending target that does not sacrifice the delivery of health care in underserved communities across California.

Sincerely,



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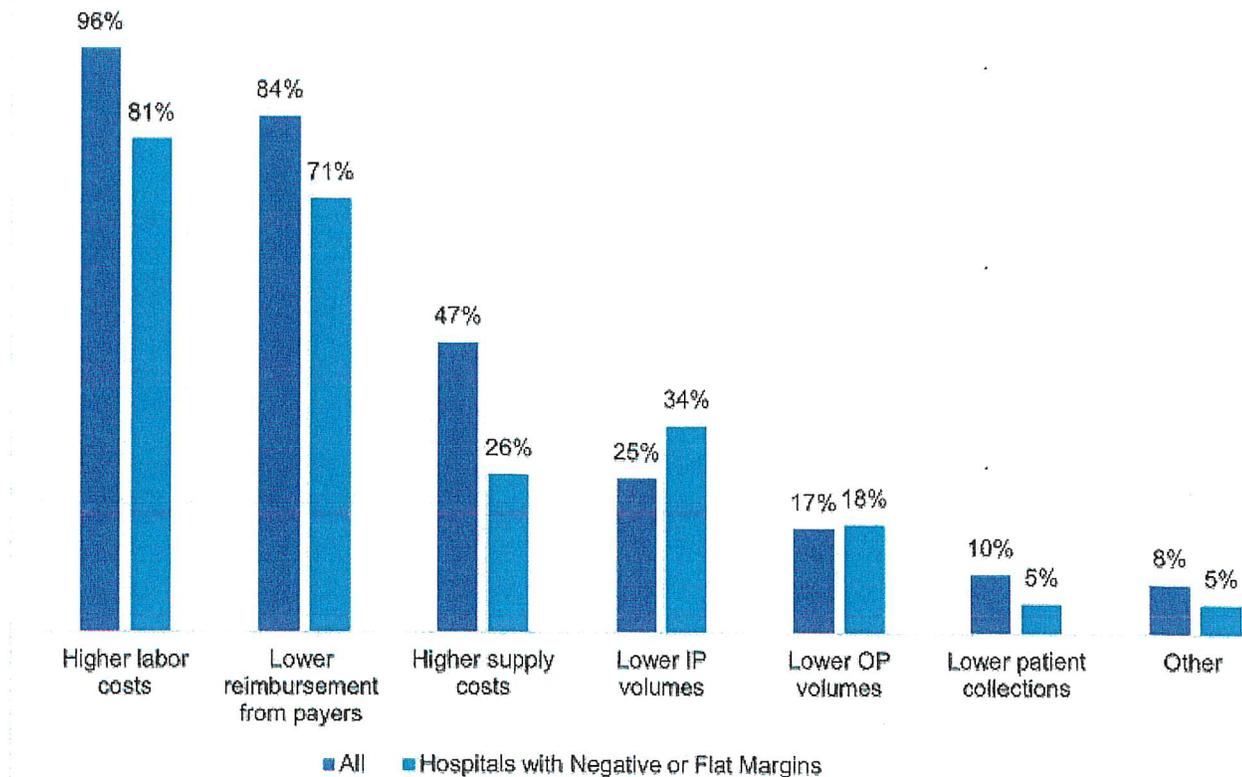
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**CHICAGO — March 6, 2024 —** Eighty four percent of health systems cite lower reimbursement from payers as a top cause of low operational margins, according to a report published by the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and [Eliciting Insights](#), a healthcare strategy and market research company.

Further confounding health system margin struggles is the increased administrative burden placed on providers by payers. **82% of CFOs said payer denials have increased significantly since pre-pandemic levels. 19% of health systems have discontinued at least one Medicare Advantage plan and 61% are planning to or considering dropping Medicare Advantage payers, the top offenders of administrative burden.**

## Top Causes of Margin Pressure Among Health Systems

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Higher labor costs are the biggest drivers of margin pressure based on 96% of health system CFOs, with 99% of CFOs indicating that nursing is the top driver of labor shortages. Other roles such as lab technicians and radiology technicians are also experiencing shortages.

Most systems are looking at traditional cost reduction methods such as reducing labor costs, optimizing supply chain and delaying technology implementations. These methods are not enough to move the needle on margin, leaving health systems looking for other cost savings. The report finds health systems are paring back on capital and real estate investments (40%), reducing less profitable service lines (32%), and 26% are looking to outsource revenue cycle roles.

Reducing operational costs is one piece of the puzzle, but health systems need more revenue to truly improve margins.

“Recovering from the pandemic, we have seen a slight overall improvement in average operating margins over the past three years,” said HFMA Chief Partnership Executive Todd Nelson FHFMA, MBA. “However, this study validates that there are many health systems still struggling to find a positive margin. While health plans are modestly increasing reimbursement, they are also ratcheting up prior authorization requirements and denials, which raises the overall cost to collect for health systems.”

Ninety percent of health systems cite denials as the top challenge for Revenue Cycle teams. 62% of health systems report Medicare Advantage as “significantly more difficult to work with” relative to Commercial or Medicare plans. Medicare Advantage plans often have different clinical policies than Medicare and other commercial plans which leads to more denials. Health systems are frustrated; 19% have already dropped one or more Medicare Advantage plan.

When it comes to maximizing payer reimbursement, "It's all about denials," says Trish Rivard, CEO of Eliciting Insights. "We are hearing loud and clear that health systems are struggling with denials — 82% of health systems tell us their denial rate is up relative to 2019. This is a tremendous opportunity for the RCM vendor community to develop advanced tools that create solutions leveraging robotic process automation, AI and advanced analytics.

While margins remain tight, *HFMA Health System CFO Pain Points 2024: Margin Challenges & Opportunities for Vendors*, reveals that over 15% of health systems are expecting large budget increases for key areas such as cybersecurity and automation.

The report provides actionable insights into the health system CFO pain points, as well as 2026 budget and labor predictions, and is based on survey responses of 135 health system Chief Financial Officers and qualitative interviews with CFOs conducted in the first quarter of 2024.

The 42-page report is available for purchase online from [Eliciting Insights](#) or [HFMA](#). It will be provided to HFMA [Peer Review](#) customers as an added benefit.

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