



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 12, 2013

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Continuing Collaboration with The University of Arizona**

Attached is a March 7, 2013 memorandum from Facilities Management Director Reid Spaulding describing our continuing collaboration with The University of Arizona, particularly in the area of biosciences and healthcare.

The University has agreed to lease approximately 12,000 square feet in the Abrams Public Health Center for collaboration between three colleges of the University, all with emphasis on the prevention of metabolic disease. This lease brings another collaboration to the Kino Medical Campus and builds on our already collaborative relationship between Pima County and The University of Arizona Medical Center–South Campus and the Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, and Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The County will fund the capital improvements necessary for the University's occupation of this facility from the remaining 2006 bond funds dedicated to medical and hospital services. The colleges will pay a market rental rate to reimburse the County for the capital expenses, as well as annual operating and maintenance costs.

This is another positive collaborative effort in medical and health research designed to address one of our nation's most pressing public health issues – diabetes.

CHH/dph

Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator for Medical and Health Services
Reid Spaulding, Director, Facilities Management
Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator
Diana Durazo, Special Staff Assistant to the County Administrator



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DATE: March 7, 2013

TO: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator

FROM: Reid H. Spaulding, RA
Facilities Management Director

SUBJECT: The University of Arizona's Collaboratory for Metabolic Disease Prevention 3rd Floor - Abrams Public Health Center

Pima County Facilities Management has reached an agreement in principle to lease 12,000 sq. ft. on the 3rd floor of the Abrams Public Health Center to the University of Arizona. Such occupancy would facilitate the collaboration of three Colleges:

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- College of Public Health
- College of Medicine

With an emphasis on research in the prevention of metabolic disease, this proposed new addition to the Pima County's Kino Medical Campus would bring yet another vital component to the holistic approach of patient care.

Voter approved initiatives in both 2004 and 2006 were built in large part on a foundation established through a master planning process, which determined that a system that balances all aspects of optimal patient care in a single campus was the best model for both patient care and utilization of taxpayer dollars. The goal of the facilities constructed on the Kino Campus, made possible by these bond dollars, is to offer a fully integrated delivery system providing the necessary and vital link between medical and behavioral health care and wellness. The interdisciplinary care plan envisioned builds on data gathered during patient assessment, identifies the patient's care needs, and develops strategies to meet those needs. Ultimately, the patient will transition through a continuum of care in a seamless, safe and effective way. In order to accomplish this goal, both the broader campus and the buildings themselves must be designed to eliminate delays and disruptions in treatments for all patients and to ensure patient safety.

Pima County's Kino Campus provides a unique opportunity to put clinicians and scientists, public and private sector, teachers and students, patients and families, individuals needing medical and behavioral health services or a pathway to wellness together in close proximity to clinics and a hospital. The Kino Campus includes many facilities and services made possible by voter approved bond dollars. These include:

- The University of Arizona Medical Center – South Campus (UAMC-SC), which is a 245-bed teaching hospital, managed by the University of Arizona Health Network, the state's premier academic medical system. Since August 2011, UAMC-SC includes a new Emergency Department (ED), located in the Behavioral Health Pavilion and constructed with voter approved bond dollars. The ED was granted provisional Level III trauma status in February 2012.
- A 4,300 square-foot GI Lab, located on the hospital's main floor, which features centralized check-in, a private waiting room private pre-op and post-op areas, as well as new state-of-the-art equipment.
- The Behavioral Health Pavilion that provides inpatient, outpatient and emergency medical and psychiatric services in addition to classroom and teaching facilities and a courtroom.
- The Crisis Response Center that provides assessment, stabilization and treatment of individuals in crisis who do not require emergency medical nor acute psychiatric care. It supports behavioral health service providers and law-enforcement agencies with individuals in crisis.
- The Herbert K. Abrams Public Health Center that houses:
 - Family & Community Medicine
 - Diabetes Center
 - Pima County Health Department public health clinics and special services

At this time, approximately \$650,000 from the 2006 Bond Program remains unencumbered. The estimated project cost to make the necessary tenant improvements for the proposed University's 3rd Floor Collaboration is \$360,000. Similar to the University's current occupancy on the 2nd floor, the Tenant would enter into a market-rate five year lease with (1) five year option.

Subsequent to the Bond Advisory Committee's approval, I am requesting that the proposed tenant improvements estimated at \$360,000 be funded from the current unencumbered balance of 2006 Bond funding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

c: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator
Tom Burke, Finance and Risk Management Director