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Future Pima County Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: The University of Arizona Medical Center- South Campus (UAMC-South Campus)
Medical and Behavioral Health Expansion

Location: 2800 E. Ajo, Tucson, AZ 85713

Scope: Bond funds will be utilized to expand and enhance medical and behavioral health services offered at The University of Arizona Medical Center-South Campus (UAMC-South Campus). Building out approximately 20,000 square feet on the third floor of the behavioral health pavilion which would be comprised of one 24-bed unit and one 12 bed unit along with outpatient facilities and creation of doctor/therapist offices, adding additional intensive care unit (ICU) beds and growing outpatient services (including cardiology) will assist in meeting the needs of our patients and community.

The bonds will also be used to provide necessary licensure-approved, furniture and fixtures for each clinical area.

Benefits:

Formerly Kino Community Hospital, UAMC-South Campus is now a comprehensive medical center and hospital and Southern Arizona’s newest academic medical facility. As the only hospital located south of Broadway in Pima County, the provision of critical medical services, including emergency/trauma and psychiatric care is vital to a large section of the Pima County population.

Pima County built new, state of the art facilities after Pima County voters overwhelmingly approved two bond packages that were used to build infrastructure to support behavioral health services. These facilities, the Crisis Response Center (CRC) and the Behavioral Health Pavilion (BHP), opened in August of 2011.

The proposed additions to UAMC- South Campus will enhance programs and training opportunities made possible by previously authorized bond projects. This proposal is designed to build upon the solid foundation made possible by those bond dollars in the past and expand the medical facilities on the campus.

UAMC- South Campus has continued to evolve and grow into a thriving health care campus. Volume in all areas of the facility have significantly grown demonstrating the patient care needs of our community as noted in the table below.

UAMC-South Campus Patient Volume Comparison - FY 2005- FY 2013

Category	FY 2005	FY 2013	Change	% Change
Adjusted Patient Days	39,440	86,508	47,068	119%
Total Average Daily Census (ADC)	65	110	45	69%
Intensive Care ADC	2	8	6	318%
Medical/Surgical ADC	13	47	34	259%
Behavioral Health ADC	50	55	5	10%
Total Clinic Visits	48,830	162,821	113,991	233%
Total Emergency Department Visits	30,356	42,017	11,661	38%
Total Surgical Procedures	662	3,350	2,688	406%

The proposed behavioral health units will have the flexibility to be used as needed because the units will have the ability to partition off half of each unit to create a separation of population. For example, on the 24 bed unit there could be all civil commitment patients (versus voluntary), but if that population dropped to less than 12 the staff could choose to use the other side of the unit for some other demographic like geriatric psychiatric patients. Similarly, the 12 bed unit could be partitioned off for use by children (a vastly underserved population in Tucson), since it is not likely that all 12 beds would be needed for children. The other side could be used as needed for overflow of another area. This would allow the fluidity needed to address capacity issues as well as to allow people to move more quickly from the CRC or the Emergency Department to critically needed inpatient beds, regardless of demographic. This ability to use these units as needed would also allow for more planning around the court-ordered evaluation patients or to create a 'step-down' unit prior to discharge. Programming and therapeutic interventions could be different as acuity level changes.

The proposed facilities will enhance the services provided to our community by: ensuring appropriate access to health care, meeting and exceeding the healthcare demands of our patients, plan for future population growth in southern Arizona, continue to allow for the training of residents, medical students and allied health professionals in a medically underserved area and ultimately increase the number of jobs in Pima County resulting in economic development opportunities.

Costs: \$30,000,000

Bond Funding: \$30,000,000

Other Funding: \$0

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: TBD

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Operating and maintenance costs are provided by the lessee of the facility, UAMC-South Campus.

Regional Benefits: UAMC-South Campus has become a full service teaching facility, training the next generation of healthcare professionals in affiliation with The University of Arizona while providing state of the art trauma, surgical, general medicine and behavioral health services to the residents of Pima County and throughout southern Arizona. These proposed bond funds will support the health and well-being of our community members through health and wellness promotion.

This project will continue to build on the work made possible by both the 2004 and 2006 bond questions, which called for a New Psychiatric Hospital for up to 100 in-patient beds to complement the existing services. The new building that was completed and occupied in August of 2011 consists of a three-story 134,700 square foot building connecting on the southeast corner of the existing hospital.

Pima County has always noted that the third floor is shelled out and planned for future accommodation of additional inpatient units and more physician offices. The BHP is connected to the Crisis Response Center to the south by a secure- covered link and an outdoor gated sally port for law enforcement vehicles.

Supervisor District of Project Location: District 2 – Ramon Valadez