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To: CPR Receiver
Subject: Strategic Plan comments

Dear Mr. Kelso,

It was a pleasure to read your Draft on medical care in the CDCR.

As a physician in the CDCR myself, I can appreciate the complexities and the necessity of the evolution that needs to take place and I embrace the goals you have set forth.

I do have one comment regarding information technology. Before you award a contract, I HIGHLY suggest you review and evaluate **The Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) of the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA hospital system.** As a resident in the UCSD system and a short time as a fellow at UCSF, I have worked extensively in the VA system treating patients. We exclusively used the CPRS system for ALL our charting and medical records needs. I can tell you without a doubt that almost every physician at UCSD & UCSF loved the CPRS system! This experience led me wish that all electronic medical records in healthcare systems across the U.S. will adopt the CPRS system of the VA.

I am endorsing the VA's CPRS system so that you will consider its implementation into the CDCR. Please consider this request seriously as I feel it can only contribute the goals you have set forth for the evolution of the CDCR's medical/dental/mental health system.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sanjay S. Rao, M.D.