

CALIFORNIA
PRISON HEALTH CARE
RECEIVERSHIP CORP.

J. Clark Kelso
Receiver

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 24, 2008

Dear Mr. Jack Burrows:

Thank you for your April 10, 2008, comment on the Receiver's draft strategic plan.

Your concerns regarding the consequences of the Receiver's construction program may be based upon a misunderstanding of what Goal 5 proposes. The facilities described in Goal 5 are not hospital quality facilities, and we anticipate that CDCR will still be sending out to local hospitals patients with serious, complex medical problems. The new facilities we are planning on constructing -- each of which would serve approximately 1,500 inmates -- will be providing essentially sheltered-living quality care and, to a small percentage of inmates, licensed nursing-home care. Moreover, in selecting sites for these new facilities, we are trying to locate ourselves near urban centers precisely because of the staffing concerns that you mention in your comment.

The Receiver agrees with your observation that rural hospitals are a critical, fragile safety net, and the Receiver looks forward to working with you to see if your concerns can be addressed.

Sincerely,



J. Clark Kelso
Receiver