

Huntington Beach City Council

Taskforce on Homelessness

Health Services Sub-Committee

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Recommendations:

1. Develop **local** HB free-standing Homeless Medical/Psych Clinic with assistance of local AcuteCare Hospital as this will relieve Hospital cost and unnecessary utilization of Hospital Emergency Rooms.
 - a. Lease space in retail strip mall, OR have local Hospital donate office space in Medical Office Building
 - b. Staff with volunteers or Hospital support for front office (clerical, reception) and back office (clinical assistance –M.A.'s, LVN, RN, P.A.)
2. Recruit local healthcare medical/psych providers (M.D., PhD.) to evaluate and treat Homeless patients on pro bono basis.
3. Arrange for HB located psych beds for direct admits and transfer of psyche Homeless Patients released “early” by County facility.
4. Arrange for beds for detox and subsequent treatment at Sober Living, Drug and Alcohol Rehab Facilities and Hospitals for Homeless requiring such services