

*file***RESOLUTION 2004- 307****RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA  
PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SYSTEM  
TO ENSURE CONTINUAL HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE  
PROVISION TO ELIGIBLE COUNTY RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, Pima County, through the Pima Health System and Services Enterprise Fund, has operated the Community Services System since 1978; and

WHEREAS, Pima County's adopted budget for fiscal year 2004/2005 budgeted for an equity transfer from Pima Health Services to support the general fund, which transfer now will not be able to occur, causing a net impact to the general fund balance this year of \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services System had a fund deficit of \$1.6 million at June 30, 2004, and a projected excess of expenditures over revenues for fiscal year 2004/2005 of approximately \$690,000, causing a projected fund deficit of \$2.3 million by June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services System is a model non-medical home and community based service program, operated in partnership with the Pima Council on Aging, that has gained national attention for its cooperative organizational structure and cost effective service delivery system and provided the model for the ALTCS home and community based service program when it was implemented in 1989; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Community Services System is to assist frail elderly and younger physically disabled residents of Pima County in remaining safely in their homes as long as possible, enhancing each individual's quality of life and ability to remain independent, and avoiding premature, more costly nursing home placement; and

WHEREAS, Pima County Government and the Community Services System have been advocates for home services and continue to provide essential home and community based services such as adult day health care, attendant care, congregate nutrition sites, durable medical equipment, emergency alert system, home delivered meals, home health aide, home nursing, home repair and adaptation, housekeeping, personal care, respite, shopping service and sheltered employment, which allows elderly and disabled residents to maintain their privacy, dignity and independence in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, The Community Services System has been providing a Caregiver Education and Support Program for the residents of Pima County since 1986 that includes individual and family counseling, support groups, information and referral services, educational forums, a resource library and bi-monthly newsletters to improve the emotional and mental well being of caregiver participants; and

WHEREAS, Pima County Government provides matching funds to the federal Medicaid Program, and served as a partner with the AHCCCS Administration to establish the Medicaid program in Arizona in 1982, and through Pima Health System, continues to operate an AHCCCS Plan and the ALTCS program that demonstrates the capacity to provide quality services and remain competitive in the AHCCCS managed care system while maintaining the important element of public accountability; and

WHEREAS, The efficient and effective operation of the AHCCCS programs by Pima County generates excess revenue that the Board of Supervisors has reinvested in healthcare services for Pima County residents such as the Community Services System, the Public Health Programs and Kino Community Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Pima County initially provided General Fund support for the Community Services System to assist frail elderly and younger physically disabled residents of the County with the greatest social and economic need, and Pima County has and will continue to reinvest Pima Health System equity in healthcare services for the benefit of Pima County residents; and

WHEREAS, Pima Health Systems as an enterprise fund of Pima County cannot continue to operate a health maintenance organization if such business activity continues to operate at a loss.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby determines that the contractual arrangement between AHCCCS and Pima County to provide AHCCCS ambulatory services and ALTCS long term care services is beneficial to both parties, provides the opportunity to generate excess equity from the operation of the Plans and the opportunity to reinvest the equity in the Community Services System to provide healthcare and related social services for Pima County residents, and that maintaining this contractual arrangement is a high priority;

2. That the Board of Supervisors hereby determines that it will be beneficial to the citizens of Pima County to ensure continual provision of essential home and community based services and caregiver education and support services provided through the Community Services System and that funding for these services will be future equity transfers from the Pima Health System and Services Enterprise Fund, after planned debt reduction, acknowledging the cyclical receipt of funding reimbursements from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System;

3. That in the event sufficient equity funds are not available within Pima Health System and Services on an annual basis subject to budget approval to fund the Community Services System, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Community Services System to continue operation, within budget limits, and to incur a fund deficit to the Pima Health System and Services Enterprise Fund provided a fund deficit reduction plan has been presented to and approved by the Board of Supervisors;


4. That if grant funds or other Federal or State funds are reduced or not available, the budget of the Community Services System may be adjusted subject to funding availability from Pima County;

5. That the Board of Supervisors, through the Chair, communicate by letter this resolution to the Governor, AHCCCS Administration, and the Pima County Legislative delegation requesting their assistance in ensuring that the reimbursement policies of AHCCCS for public operated health plans allow equity to be accumulated in such plans provided the fund equity is reinvested in the health system for the purpose of reducing long term health care costs that will be incurred by the State;

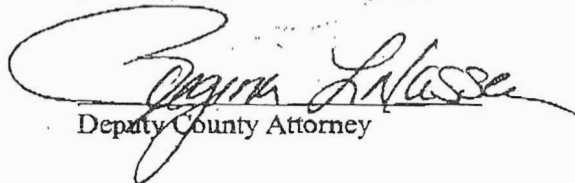
6. That the various County officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2004, by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona.


ATTEST:

  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Deputy County Attorney

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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