Dear Board of Supervisors -

Thank you all for your leadership during this critical crisis in our world. This morning my day started with helping to oversee administratively the eleven community members who have been placed on 5150 holds for their protection. Adventist Health Ukiah Valley had 8 of those patients, all needed placement and care in a setting other than an emergency department (when appropriate in a Crisis Stabilization Unit and then onto a Crisis Residential Unit).

The resources consumed with caring for so many patients on 5150 holds at a time is exceptional. We can do better for our community.

Adventist Health absolutely supports the work of the Measure B team and their work to bring before the Board of Supervisors a recommendation to move forward with the construction of a Crisis Residential Treatment facility in Mendocino County.

We are excited to see progress and a move towards a county CRT and we also support the work around Crisis Stabilization Units - which are a core part of the long term solution.

Thank you all!

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