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## **Community Meetings on Safety Net Recommendations to be Held Throughout County**

*Public Response Requested at Public Forums*

San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) will be holding five community meetings throughout the county in order to provide the public and other professionals with an opportunity to voice their concerns and ask any questions they may have regarding the recommendations for the San Diego County Healthcare Safety Net.

The study identifies existing needs, projects future healthcare demand and determines what resources are required to meet the healthcare needs of San Diego County. The discussion forums will take place throughout October, beginning Monday the 23rd.

“Everyone has a perspective on healthcare and we want to encourage the public to help participate in planning for our future,” said Supervisor Greg Cox who initiated the study with Supervisor Ron Roberts.

“Those who receive and give care are in the best position to tell us if these recommendations take us in the right direction,” said Supervisor Roberts. The healthcare safety net includes providers who give services to those who are uninsured, on Medicaid, or are otherwise vulnerable. Town hall meetings will take place as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 23, 9 – 11 a.m., East Region Adoption Services conference room, 198 W. Main St. Suite 104, El Cajon
- Monday, Oct. 23, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tubman Chavez Multicultural Center, 415 N. Euclid Ave., San Diego
- Monday, Oct. 23, 5 – 7 p.m., Chula Vista Police Department, 315 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Chula Vista
- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., North Inland Regional Center, Multipurpose Conference Room, 600 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido
- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 3 – 5 p.m., North Central Regional Center, Conference Room 1A/B, 8966 Balboa Ave., San Diego



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