



To: MCHCD Board of Directors
From: Katharine Wylie, MS Ed.
Date: 11/13/2025
Subject: Agency Administrator's Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 1 - 1:00 pm	Measure C Oversight Committee Meeting
December 18 - 5:00 pm	Regular Board Meeting

Seismic Compliance and Project Coordination - HCAI

In a recent meeting with the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI's) Haley Shetty, Donna Huntingdale, CFO Allen, we reviewed the current project schedule developed through the contracting process. Design and permitting (Phase 2) are underway, with construction for NPC4 & NPC5 expected to begin around June 2027. MTCAP construction is projected for late 2026 through early 2027, and seismic strengthening is expected between 2029 and 2031. The group agreed these dates are conservative but realistic.

Grant and Compliance Deadlines

Two separate tracking systems were discussed:

1. Grant Milestones – financial and reporting dates; no penalties for delay but approved costs must be conservative for State Controller review.
2. Compliance Plan Deadlines – regulatory deadlines tied to AB 869 (2024) extension that authorizes HCAI to grant eligible general acute care hospitals a delay of up to three years beyond the Jan. 1, 2030, deadline for the seismic compliance of hospital buildings, provided that specified criteria are met.



NPC4 and NPC5 evaluations were submitted December 2023, meeting the grace deadline for construction extension eligibility. Compliance Plan and the AB 869 application must be submitted before January 1, 2026. While outside the scope of Building-Rx's current contract, Ms. Huntingdale has agreed to assist me with Construction milestone date estimates for submission to HCAI, at no additional cost.

To qualify for reimbursement, the district must provide invoices tied to each milestone and proof of payment (e.g., canceled checks). A tracking column has been added to the internal spreadsheet to show payment details.

Other Grant award notes:

- NPC 4 & 5 design/evaluation costs – are eligible for grant funding.
- NPC 4 & 5 construction costs – not grant-eligible
- Reimbursement forms will be generated once the grant is officially awarded.
- Maintaining organized documentation of invoices, payment proofs, and milestone progress remains a top priority for grant compliance.

Ms. Shedly noted the state continues to award \$1–3 million per month, emphasizing the importance of submitting grant reimbursement applications as soon as possible.

Seismic Construction Planning

Dudley Campbell of the Devenney Group, is hosting bi-monthly staff meetings with subcontractors' reps from Degenkolb, Cumming Group, Gayner Engineering, BKF Engineering, Donna Huntingdale, AHMC Facilities Manager Peter Johnston, CFO Allen and me.

HCAI's Structural evaluation comments received back were minor, suggesting no major cost changes anticipated at this time.

We are currently working on the best path to NPC5 water and sewer capacity requirements. The team is also currently working on schematic-level NPC4 & NPC5 construction drawings to use as a bid set for General Contracting.

Government shutdown ends: 5 healthcare notes

By: Andrew Cass, 11/13/25

The longest government shutdown in American history [ended](#) Nov. 12, but the fate of the ACA enhanced premium tax credits — the sticking point for Democrats — will not be decided until December. Five things to know:

1. President Trump signed the resolution to fund the government through Jan. 30 after the House of Representatives voted 222-209 to pass the spending package, [Politico](#) reported Nov. 12. The bill funds the Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs through the full fiscal year, but all other departments — including HHS — are funded through the end of January.
2. The spending package also [extends](#) Medicare telehealth and the acute hospital care at home programs that lapsed when the shutdown [began](#) on Oct. 1, according to the American Telemedicine Association. Those programs will be funded through Jan. 30 and the package allows for retroactive payments for services provided since the waivers lapsed. After the shutdown began, 35% of hospital-at-home programs [stopped](#) providing care to traditional Medicare patients under the CMS waiver, 20% ended treatment for patients who weren't covered by the waiver, and 23% shifted all or part of the care to outpatient treatment at home, according to the survey of 140 programs by the Hospital at Home Users Group, which shared the data Oct. 28 with *Becker's*.
3. The Senate [passed](#) the spending package on Nov. 10. Under the terms of the agreement in the Senate, a vote to extend the ACA subsidies will take place in mid-December, according to *Politico*. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, however, was not part of those negotiations and has not promised a similar vote in the House.
4. The agreement negotiated in the Senate also included a guarantee that the White House would rehire all federal employees who were fired during the shutdown as part of the administration's reductions in force plan, according to *Politico*. The White House has also pledged to give all federal workers back pay for the duration of the shutdown.
5. A spokesperson for the White House's budget office said that those Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits will see their accounts fully restored within hours of the government reopening, [The New York Times](#) reported Nov. 12. SNAP benefits expired Nov. 1 and have been subject to a legal fight regarding short-term funding.

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