

Health & Human Services

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MISSION:

**Promote and protect the health, well being,
self-sufficiency and safety
for all people in Marin**

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Context: Significant Strain on Safety Net

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- ❑ Unemployment rates at unprecedented levels.
- ❑ Requests for Public Assistance up over 30%.
- ❑ Increasing numbers of uninsured.
- ❑ Safety net service use is at record levels.
- ❑ Increasing numbers of homeless and precariously housed.
- ❑ State reductions affect all safety net programs.
- ❑ Economic recovery is long way off.

HHS Adaptation to Changing Reality

GOAL:

Maintain Safety Net Capacity; Minimize County Costs.

- Balance priorities; Is this service essential to the safety net? What is the optimal mix of services?
- Are there alternative models or approaches? What is the field experience?
- Are resources and/or expertise available in community?
- Are there revenues available?
- What services or administrative functions can be reduced or eliminated?
- Are there ways to streamline and achieve efficiencies?
 - Technology
 - Skill mix
 - Service integration
 - Volunteers

HHS Planning – Future Issues

- ❑ Continue Long Term Restructuring Process.
- ❑ Pursue grants to support innovation and core programs.
- ❑ Explore regional opportunities.
- ❑ Continue support for comprehensive community clinic services with FQHC designation – County role shifts from health provider to that of assurance.
- ❑ Continue exploring the ideal mix of safety net services.
- ❑ Prevention: How does prevention improve personal and community health while reducing costs across HHS?