ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan Hospitals (UMH)
        C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital - Pediatric Cardiology Clinic Space Renovation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project, and Authorization to Submit a Certificate of Need Application

Background:

The Congenital Heart Program, an interdisciplinary patient care, education and research program, is one of a very few premier pediatric cardiothoracic centers in the nation. Edward Bove, MD, Section Head of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Albert Rocchini, MD, Chief of Pediatric Cardiology, are the directors of this interdisciplinary program. In 1998 there were 846 admissions, 681 surgeries, and 5,997 ambulatory visits. The work encompasses the entire gamut of heart care. This program is among the world leaders in performing surgery for infants with hypoplastic left heart syndrome.

The Pediatric Cardiology outpatient clinic, diagnostic and treatment procedures and the Division/faculty offices are all located in the basement of Mott Hospital. The Division’s clinical activity, both in terms of physician visits and diagnostic procedures, has nearly doubled over the past eight years. Significant with this growth is the shift of cardiac catheterizations and same day surgery from inpatient to outpatient care.

One of the key functions provided by the program team is the management of long term problems for children, much of which can be done by nurse clinicians over the phone. This work is done through the Patient Care Coordination Center which also serves as the Intake Coordinating Center. Two exam rooms have been converted for this function which has reduced the number of actual exam rooms for the program.

This renovation is needed to meet current program activity and provide for anticipated growth over the next five years. Renovation of existing Mott Level 1 space (approximately 11,000 square feet) and adjacent unused space in the basement of the old Women’s Hospital (approximately 6,100 square feet) is required. Additional exam and treatment rooms for patient care and education will be created, along with the Patient Care Coordination Center and appropriate space for support and office staff. This project is considered a short-term solution, consuming all usable, contiguous space. The project represents the least costly and most efficient response to create physical capacity to more timely meet patient demand. The long-term solution to provide for this program is being considered as a part of on-going Women’s and Children’s space planning efforts.

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON
This renovation project is not expected to present any parking accommodation issues for patients and visitors at the Taubman parking structure. Based on Parking Services information, there is present capacity in the Taubman parking structure, which is the facility which would be used by pediatric cardiology visitors.

The project is estimated to cost $3.5 million including approximately $1 million for furniture and equipment. Funding will be provided from Hospitals’ reserves, and a Certificate of Need approval will be required from the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services (MDCIS). The project will be phased and should take approximately 18 months to complete.

We recommend the Regents approve the project as described and authorize the submission of a Certificate of Need Application to the MDCIS.

Respectfully submitted,

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