

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (UMHHC)  
Women's Hospital Birthing Center Expansion

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

Comprehensive maternity services are essential to support our managed care plan and primary care network. The Women's Hospital Birthing Center opened in December 1995 and includes twenty-nine labor delivery/recovery/postpartum (LDRP) rooms. There has been growth averaging 10% per year from 1996 to 2000, with deliveries increasing from 2,401 in fiscal year 1996 to 3,718 in fiscal year 2000. The birthing capacity for the present facility, 2,971 on an annual basis, was first exceeded in 1998.

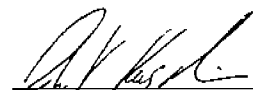
In accommodating the additional demand, eleven (11) beds on the seventh floor of Mott Children's Hospital have been converted to maternity beds for women and their infants. This conversion, while necessary, presents a challenge for space designated for our pediatric population whose rate of increase has been 9% per year since 1998. Until plans can be finalized for the construction of a new hospital for women and children, we offer an interim measure to address present demands.

We propose to expand the present Women's Hospital Birthing Center by building two additional rooms to accommodate up to 175 deliveries annually. This 1000 gross square foot project also includes construction of a newborn triage area. There is no significant impact on parking from this renovation.

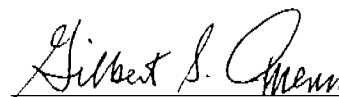
The estimated project cost is \$570,000. The project will be funded from the Hospitals and Health Centers' capital contingency fund for 2000-01. The project is expected to be complete in Fall of 2001.

We recommend the Regents approve the UMHHC Women's Hospital Birthing Center Expansion Project as described and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding a construction contract providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer



Gilbert S. Omenn  
Executive Vice President  
for Medical Affairs

December 2000

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

DEC 14 2000