

HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS

■ CONTEXT

Several hospitals and health care services facilities are located within the City of Merced and the surrounding region including Mercy Medical Center Merced Community Campus, Mercy Urgent Care, Olive Avenue Urgent Care, and various specialty clinics and medical groups.

There are a number of facilities providing social services within the City of Merced and the surrounding region. Examples of existing service providers include: family planning and birth control clinics, a blood bank, two mental health clinics, and home care, and hospice services.

■ GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

A HEALTHY POPULATION

Goal

A community that provides high quality health care for its residents.

Objective

PHS 1.0 To provide adequate and convenient health facilities for University Community residents.

Policies

PHS 1.1 Work with local health providers to ensure that adequate health services are provided for University Community residents. This may involve the development of new facilities within the Community and/or expansion of existing facilities outside of the Community.

(Imp 3.5)

PHS 1.2 Locate any health care facilities that are developed in the Community in the Town Center and, secondarily, in the Residential Village Centers to maximize access by local residents and interface with other public uses. *(Imp 2.5)*

PHS 1.3 Identify and commit the appropriate location(s) for health care facilities in subsequent sub-area Specific Plans, based on need, phasing, and timing. *(Imp 2.5)*

PHS 1.4 Work with local health providers to ensure that information is provided to new residents of the University Community regarding available health services and programs. *(Imp 3.5, 5.10)*

Goal

A community that provides high quality social programs that nurture and support its residents.

Objective

PHS 2.0 To provide social programs to meet University Community residents' diverse needs.

Policies

PHS 2.1 Collaborate with local area social service providers to provide services to meet the needs of University Community residents. *(Imp 3.5)*

PHS 2.2 Locate social provider facilities in the Town Center and, secondarily, in the Residential Village Centers to maximize access by local residents and interface with other public facilities. *(Imp 3.5)*

PHS 2.3 Work closely with the UC in order to develop community relationships with on-campus social service programs. *(Imp 3.3)*

PHS 2.4 Promote the development of programs to enrich the lives of residents and promote social interaction, such as the establishment of community gardens. *(Imp 3.5, 5.10)*