

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Becker

2



From: Thomas Becker <tbeckerpower@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 1:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public comment, item D2, BOS meeting of 11/18/25
Attachments: BOS CHD comment.pdf

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Please see attached public comment for Item D2, BOS meeting of 11/18/25

11/13/25

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

From: Tom Becker

Subject: Public comment, Item D2, BOS meeting of 11/18/25

- The County Health Department (CHD) provides federally funded health benefits to persons with "Unsatisfactory Immigration Status" (UIS). This is done through Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).
- There are 7,000 patients with UIS being served at the county's FQHC locations.
- Many (not all) of the persons with UIS are illegal aliens.
- Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) are active in Santa Barbara County, and are embedded in the illegal alien community.
- FTOs are involved in human trafficking, including sex trafficking of illegal alien minors.
- Santa Barbara County is located in one of the most active human trafficking/sex trafficking corridors in the United States.
- Of the 7,000 persons with UIS receiving federally funded benefits through the County's FQHCs, there is a high statistical probability that victims of human/sex trafficking are counted in that number. Any reasonable person who is involved in administering subsidized health care benefits understands the statistical likelihood of misuse of benefits.
- FTOs engaged in human/sex trafficking are likely to utilize subsidized health care programs to provide health care for their victims, for the purpose of maintaining the health of their victims/workers and maximizing the profits of the FTOs.

- CHD has indicated they make a limited effort to document the immigration status of FQHC patients that have UIS. This may include minors who are victims of international human/sex trafficking.

- Potentially, hundreds of human/sex trafficking victims may be accessing, or may have accessed, federally funded health care benefits through county run FQHCs. The benefits potentially being provided to these victims would not be humanitarian. It would be provided to maintain the health of sex workers and persons working under conditions of involuntary servitude, for the commercial benefit of FTOs, and others involved in the human/sex trafficking trade.

- Federal regulators can conduct compliance audits of county agencies and programs that receive federal funding.

- Compliance audits do not require a warrant. In fact, the county has entered into agreements with the federal government allowing federal regulators access to documents for the purpose of conducting compliance audits.

- If found to have taken place, providing federally funded benefits to victims of FTO run human/sex trafficking operations may violate one or more federal criminal statutes, including, but not limited to:

18 U.S.C 2339B, 18 U.S.C 1591, 18 U.S.C 1589.

- A federal compliance audit of CHD records should be performed. Criminal Investigations of county records, executed under federal judicial warrants, must be performed if the compliance audits uncover criminal violations of federal law.