



Healthcare & Life Sciences Cluster Update

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I. Top Priorities

- § Address seismic requirements by 2013.
- § Expand current facilities while performing seismic upgrades.
- § Address workforce shortage.
- § Address financial crisis: MediCal reimbursements, etc.
- § Influence state legislation regarding health insurance.

II. Strategies

- § Streamline entitlement and community outreach processes of all real estate projects.
- § Articulate more clearly the nature of the industry's workforce needs and work collaboratively with training providers to meet those needs.
- § Engage (as a cluster) with politicians to advocate for finance and insurance reforms.

III. Actions to be taken immediately

- § Mayor's office declares hospital construction a city priority and assigns senior city staff to "Red Team" that will expedite entitlement and approval processes.
- § Hospitals and Chamber to post project information on websites.
- § Chamber to continue to convene employers with training providers to help shape and expand workforce education programs.
- § Hospital CFO's to meet to shape strategic plan re MediCal reimbursements (with help of Mayor and legislators).

IV. Action Initiatives

- § *Fast Track for Oakland's Hospitals*
- § *Vital Sector: more effective communication of economic and health benefits of the healthcare sector*
- § *Healthcare Workforce Initiative*
- § *Healthcare Cluster Finance Initiative*
- § *Healthcare Cluster Reform Initiative (influencing state legislation)*

