

CAO Note for 12/20/11

The Mental Health Division of the Health & Human Services Agency currently occupies 7,500 square feet of office space at 1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd in South Lake Tahoe. This lease with the Floyd Family Limited Partnership expires on February 29, 2012 but has additional option terms.

The department is going to merge its operations into the office space currently occupied by the Public Health personnel in the County owned facility at 1360 Johnson Blvd, in South Lake Tahoe known as the Administration Center. They will not exercise their option to stay in the leased facility and no longer incur the lease payment going forward of almost \$14,000 monthly, saving \$168,000 annually.

Additionally, the department is negotiating an agreement with the City to have the joint use of the Senior Center at 3050 Lake Tahoe Blvd. They will locate their needed Wellness Center and 4 or 5 staff to this location. The cost for sharing this County owned facility will be a proportionate share of the buildings operating costs. More specifically, Gas & electric, water & sewer, janitorial, garbage, and landscape & parking lot maintenance. There will also be the initial one time cost of bringing in the needed voice and data as well as moving in staff and furniture. The department has funds available based on the lease savings noted above to cover these costs.

Also involved in this coordination is the move of the Veteran Affairs office from the Johnson Blvd office to the Senior Center. This has been coordinated with Bill Schultz to accommodate the need for an additional counseling room for the Health Services personnel. Both Bill and the City's Community Services Director feel this move will actually benefit the program by bringing it closer to several of those utilizing their services.

Spirit of the Holidays

HHS and CSS employees donated 80 gifts to Placerville Pines Convalescent Hospital yesterday. Making many happy.

Upper Room - CSS Laura Roth coordinated donations from DHS and others and put together 80 gift bags for distribution.