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UCC Legislative Priorities – 2016 DRAFT

Health Care Financing

UCC will continue to work on the implementation of required Health Care Reform measures to maximize Federal revenue including the implementation of AB 85. UCC will support efforts to adopt a new funding source for the Managed Care Organization tax which is part of the 2015 Special Session on Health Care and would oppose efforts to use county funding to bridge the gap in the funding. Regarding undocumented immigrants, any proposal to provide coverage to these individuals should be the responsibility of the state.

UCC will also work to ensure that the 2015 Medi-Cal waiver maximizes the drawdown of federal funds for services and facilities and ensures that urban counties receive their fair share of funding. UCC will also closely monitor the efforts by the Department of Health Care Services to obtain the necessary funding to deal with any new duties or responsibilities for urban counties. In addition, UCC will work to ensure that the Coordinated Care Initiative which currently operates in 6 urban counties is continued by the Administration.

State Budget Issues

Historically, the state has raided county revenue which has contributed to the overall difficulty in financing services at the local level. Since 2001, the shortfall between actual county expenses and state reimbursement for state programs has grown to over \$1 billion annually creating a de facto cost shift (i.e. the Human Services Funding Deficit).

Therefore, UCC will focus on the State Budget with emphasis on securing adequate funding for programs administered by urban counties. UCC will oppose reductions in state programs that increase the burden on urban county programs. UCC will oppose efforts to reduce funding without a commensurate reduction in county responsibility. UCC will further oppose any efforts to shift costs or federal penalties to urban counties. UCC will support efforts to require the state to continue to reimburse the urban counties for all outstanding mandates currently owed to urban counties.

Transportation Funding

UCC supports additional funding to the local transportation system and supports new sources of funding to respond to transportation needs. UCC supports continued direct subventions to local governments for the maintenance, operation, preservation, and safety needs of the local system.

Realignment

UCC will oppose any realignment proposals that transfer additional program responsibility to counties without adequate funding, constitutional protections, county participation and approval. UCC will remain vigilant about ensuring Proposition 30 protections for all realigned programs.

Specifically, on the 2011 Public Safety Realignment, UCC believes that current funding is not sufficient and we are concerned about the unique issues related to this population and the unique issues that urban

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counties are facing which includes behavioral health, liability, cost of living, job training, and increasing caseload costs. UCC supports efforts to provide more funding for the existing programs, and supports efforts to efficiently manage our significant caseload as noted above. UCC also supports more funding for county correctional treatment facilities construction and behavioral health programs and facilities in order to have adequate space to meet the requirements of Realignment and the goal of reducing recidivism.

Affordable Housing

UCC supports obtaining a permanent funding source for affordable housing. This includes providing additional incentives for counties to approve housing. UCC will advocate for proposals that fund initiatives that reduce and prevent homelessness, expand the availability of permanent supportive housing, and provides urban counties with the ability to maximize and leverage available Federal, State and local funds to provide services for at-risk and homeless families and single persons.

Medical Marijuana Regulation

UCC will continue to work with our county partners on clean-up legislation related to Medical Marijuana due to the passage of the three bill package in 2015. This includes addressing mobile deliveries, ensuring local control of licensing and the ability to ban, as well as clean up needed in AB 243.