

2008 – 2009 CDBG/HOME APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Name of Organization: **CommuniCare Health**
Project Title: Health/Dental Care for Davis Uninsured

1. How does CommuniCare Health deal with operating deficits exhibited in the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 budgets?

The two budgets exhibited in CommuniCare's 2008-2009 CDBG application are budgets for Davis Community Clinic's Medical and Dental Services only. The complete operating budget for all of CommuniCare Health Centers also includes the operating budgets for CommuniCare's three other primary care clinics, three other dental clinics, our Substance Abuse Treatment services at the two John H. Jones Community Clinics, and our Health Education and Outreach services.

The patient payer mix at each of these clinics and for each of these programs is very diverse. Davis Community Clinic sees a higher percentage of patients who are uninsured, relative to most of the other clinics and programs. In years where the Davis Community Clinic has an operating deficit, it is balanced in part by positive revenue at CommuniCare's other sites and programs.

In addition, community fundraising and support from public and private foundation sources are essential in helping to close the operating deficit at Davis Community Clinic and fully balance CommuniCare's agency-wide operating budget.

Moreover, CommuniCare is very careful in our fiscal responsibility in overseeing our operations. We continually work on balancing our staffing needs against projected revenue and the community's need for access to care. In addition we continually work on improving productivity in provision of our services.