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Even With City Help, HHC Has to Cut 3,700 Jobs

Under 4-Year Retrenchment
By DAVID SIMS



ALAN D. AVILES: Minimized patient-care cuts.

Health and Hospitals Corporation President Alan D. Aviles May 11 announced a restructuring of the agency that will reduce its workforce by 3,700 over the next four years, close some community-based health centers and consolidate other services to help address a \$1.2-billion budget gap.

Mr. Aviles said that he had rejected more drastic cost-saving measures, like closing a third of the community-based centers or eliminating most outpatient specialty services, in order to prevent severe disruption to the system.

'Avoided the Harsh Choices'

"I am pleased to say that we have found a way to avoid some of the most Draconian choices other hospitals have had to make," he said at a press conference. "There were a number of options considered that would have yielded significant savings, but were simply unacceptable and antithetical to our mission."

Mayor Bloomberg's May 6 budget plan provides much of the financial support to keep HHC afloat by waiving several of its short-term debt obligations, infusing \$349 million into the agency this year and another \$911 million over the next four years.

But 3,700 jobs will be cut over that same period, mostly administrative staff, through an unspecified mixture of attrition and layoffs. One dental clinic and five child health clinics will close, and contracts with medical schools will be scaled back.

"In meeting our financial challenges, we will close no hospitals, no patient will be turned away, and our commitment to serve the uninsured, undocumented immigrants and others who need us the most will stay intact," Mr. Aviles said.

"Most of the workforce reduction is highly targeted and seeks to minimize impact on our direct patient-care services," he continued. "Nonetheless, these actions will have serious consequences for the employees affected, will cause anguish within our organization and will strain important relationships that we have forged over the years, especially with our union partners."

Union Weighs Reaction

District Council 37 Local 420 President Carmen Charles, who represents HHC employees, said that she was unsure what her union's reaction would be without seeing a specific breakdown of where the layoffs were targeted.

"We know that they will be consolidating services, but right now I don't know how the plan affects my members per se," she said in a phone interview. "If there are layoffs, we will fight, because that is what Local 420 does. Whatever actions we have to take in the future, we are prepared to do that."

Mr. Aviles said that workforce reductions were "tough choices we have to make if we are to remain faithful to our mission." He added that action from state government would also be necessary to carry out the fiscal stability plan, especially to help HHC gain Federal approval for changes to its Medicaid plan.

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“If, for any reason, these additional supplemental Federal Medicaid funds do not materialize, we would be left with a deficit amounting to several hundred million dollars and that would lead to further, deeper and much more devastating cuts,” he warned.



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