



VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

in Department of Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein

Whereas the mission of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children (PRHC) is to provide medical, rehabilitative, educational, recreational, habilitative, transitional, and complementary alternative medical services to children and young adults with multiple disabilities, assisting them to achieve their optimal level of independence in all aspects of life.

Whereas the Governor's recent Pappas Working Group Report documents hundreds of children who are currently languishing in our acute care hospitals, or going without care;

Whereas the Commissioner Goldstein has put in place **overly restrictive admissions criteria;**

Whereas Commissioner Goldstein has directed administrators of Pappas to **refuse admission of qualified patients to Pappas;**

Whereas Commissioner Goldstein has **failed to fill vacant staff positions** required for safe and consistent care of patients;

Whereas Commissioner Goldstein has **failed to recruit patients in need of Pappas-level care to fill beds** in Pappas and

Whereas the Commissioner Goldstein has directed Administrators to **prematurely discharge patients to settings that fail to provide the same level of care as Pappas** or before they can get a proper placement in an adequate program;

Whereas we believe Commissioner Goldstein's actions represent the abandonment of the vital Mission of Pappas as a rehabilitation hospital;

We, the undersigned staff of the Department of Public health and employees of Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, **have ZERO CONFIDENCE** in Commissioner Goldstein to continue to lead at the Department of Public Health and oversee operations at DPH facilities, especially Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children.