

## Addressing Concerns About the CHPEM:

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It is anticipated that many readers will have concerns about the Children's Hospital Public Economy Model (CHPEM),<sup>1-3</sup> particularly the thought of applying the CHPEM to the general economy<sup>4</sup> (i.e., creation of a CHPEM-inspired public economy). For some readers the mere thought of a Public Economy might trigger one or more of the following fears or questions:

- Is a CHPEM-inspired public economy not too idealistic, too dependent on altruism and Human Goodness, too unrealistic? Is it not too dependent on the view of Human Nature it espouses? Is that view of Human Nature accurate?<sup>5-7</sup>
- How can the CHPEM ensure that the “altruistic natural leaders” will stay altruistic and not become corrupt?<sup>8-12</sup> Does the CHPEM take into consideration that “power corrupts?”<sup>11</sup>
- Without monetary incentive<sup>13</sup> and competition<sup>14</sup> won't innovation and creativity be stifled?<sup>15</sup>
- Is it realistic to expect people to be adequately motivated by “moral incentive,” especially in the absence of monetary incentive?<sup>13</sup>
- Given “human nature” and the tendency for “power to corrupt,” how can we be sure that the leaders of a CHPEM-inspired public economy will stay democratic and altruistic and not become authoritarian, even totalitarian?<sup>12</sup>
- Is the CHPEM not a socialist model, particularly when applied to the general economy?<sup>16</sup>
- Is the CHPEM-inspired public economy not a model for a “centralized economy,” rather than a preferable “decentralized economy?”<sup>17</sup>
- Would international implementation of the CHPEM-inspired public economies not lead to a “One World Government?”<sup>18</sup>
- Will people be able to own and operate their own businesses under a CHPEM-inspired public economy?<sup>19-21</sup>
- Will people be able to personally own anything in a CHPEM-inspired public economy? Or does the state own everything?
- Is the CHPEM not doomed to be a disaster, “just like all other attempts to implement an economic model other than capitalism?”
- Despite its flaws, isn't capitalism better than all alternatives that have been tried?
- Is the CHPEM not an extremely radical model?<sup>22</sup>

In anticipation of the above fears and questions, please see the footnoted **RELATED ARTICLES** listed at the end of this article. Those articles address the above specific concerns. They are designed to facilitate healthy dialogue about those and other concerns.

It is important that these fears and concerns be freely voiced and respectfully and extensively discussed. Indeed, a fundamental principle of the CHPEM is that **critical thinking** should be encouraged, people should feel **free to express differences of opinion**, and concerns should become subjects of healthy, **respectful dialogue**.<sup>23, 24</sup>

An associated principle of the CHPEM is that, **before a model such as the CHPEM is ever implemented within the general economy**, the social and economic principles of the CHPEM and application of the CHPEM to the general economy should be thoroughly discussed, in both public and private settings, and that discussion should include careful comparison of the CHPEM with corporate capitalism and other economic models.<sup>25-37</sup>

Furthermore, a guiding principle of the CHPEM is that it is a **democratic model**---meaning that after thorough dialogue about the benefits and risks associated with the CHPEM, compared to the benefits and risks of the corporate capitalist model, the public should have the democratic power to decide whether to apply the CHPEM to the general economy, as opposed to retaining the corporate capitalist model or implementing another model. This is analogous to **informed consent** in Medicine. Patients should never be started on a new medical treatment without, first, receiving thorough information about the treatment, including the benefits and risks of the proposed treatment and comparison with other options, and without obtaining the patient's informed consent. Similarly, **an economic model such as the CHPEM should never be applied to the general economy until the public has received thorough, honest information about the CHPEM and has democratically voted to apply the model to the general economy in a way in which they are comfortable**.<sup>23</sup> The CHPEM honors the **court of public opinion**.

Another associated principle of the CHPEM is that it strongly discourages **intolerant, overzealous, reactionary responses to those with dissenting views**. Instead, the CHPEM encourages extensive analysis and healthy, respectful dialogue about social and economic issues, followed by fully informed democratic decision-making.

It is hoped that thorough **public education about the CHPEM**, with extensive analysis and respectful dialogue, will shed light on concerns about the CHPEM, particularly application of the CHPEM to the general economy. Again, a CHPEM-inspired public economy should not be implemented until/unless fully informed public consent has been obtained.

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## FOOTNOTES:

The footnotes refer to related “companion” articles that further explain the concepts and terms used in the current articles. These related articles are posted (or will soon be posted) on the **Notes From the Social Clinic website**: [www.notesfromthesocialclinic.org](http://www.notesfromthesocialclinic.org) Please see the Table of Contents (TOC) of the website.

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