



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Health Dept.  
Department No.: 041  
For Agenda Of: June 07, 2011  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPD, Director and Health Officer  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Daniel Reid, Assistant Deputy Director, Primary Care & Family  
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**SUBJECT: Services Agreement (with Grant) with American Pharmacists Association  
Foundation**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Mgmt

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute a Services Agreement with the American Pharmacists Association Foundation that includes a grant for \$25,000 for Santa Barbara County Public Health Department's participation in Project **IMP**roving America's Communities Together (IMPACT) Diabetes for the period April 8, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

**Summary Text:**

The Public Health Department (PHD) has identified diabetes as a significant contributor to morbidity and early mortality for many County patients in Santa Barbara County. The *Project IMPACT Diabetes* is sponsored by the American **Ph**armacists **A**ssociation **F**oundation (APhAF), a not for profit 501(c)(3) organization. Project IMPACT Diabetes is a national initiative to improve care for patients with diabetes through community-based interdisciplinary teams that include a pharmacist.

The Public Health Department has begun a diabetes project with patients who have diagnosed indications of difficulty in managing their disease. This diabetes project consists of an interdisciplinary team of physicians, dieticians, case managers and other Public Health Department staff to assist and educate patients in order to better manage their disease and improve their clinical outcomes. Project IMPACT Diabetes and the PHD's current diabetes project are very closely aligned and follow national strategies that have demonstrated success in multiple settings and with difficult patient populations. The grant funding in the Services Agreement will allow for the participation of a PHD pharmacist in the

existing project to become a member of the interdisciplinary team working with the diabetic patient. Adding a pharmacist to the team will be helpful in preventing harmful drug to drug interactions, as well as assisting in the monitoring of, and patient adherence to, their medication regimen.

**Background:**

The County Public Health Department (PHD) began its diabetes project early in calendar year 2011. Through research of existing service delivery models, PHD discovered *Project IMPACT Diabetes* and its available grant funding. PHD submitted an application for the program and was one of the 25 submissions chosen for award. Approval of the Services Agreement before your Board will provide funding for a PHD pharmacist to participate in the ongoing PHD diabetes project. In addition, grant funds will be used to provide the PHD pharmacist with focused training and certification on diabetic patient medication management and therapy. If necessary, the grant funding will also allow for the use of existing extra help pharmacists to provide workflow coverage for the PHD pharmacist participating in the diabetes project. The Agreement entails the reporting of aggregate data elements designed to monitor the patients progress in achieving positive clinical outcomes and, for those patients willing to participate, videotaped interviews that can be used by other agencies to promote their own local projects and for patient educational materials. The elements of Project IMPACT Diabetes will be adopted and incorporated into the ongoing PHD diabetes project, at least through the end of the agreement period.

The minimum data set required for the project and the data collection and reporting requirements of this Agreement will be managed by the pharmacist and clinical staff involved with the project. The Project IMPACT diabetes agreement will include a minimum participation by 125 County patients across multiple health care center treatment locations. The initial health care center sites are Franklin and Carpinteria. However, if the model proves successful, it will be expanded to all health care center sites.

If PHD is able to demonstrate the required CenCal Health service elements and patient outcomes specified for diabetic patients, PHD will receive access to incentive funding. This incentive funding will help to sustain and expand the diabetes project to other health care centers and would allow the ongoing participation of the PHD pharmacist(s) in the patient treatment.

**Performance Measure:**

The Project IMPACT Diabetes requires quarterly monitoring and reporting of services and patient outcomes in comparison to national patient outcome benchmarks. However, the PHD has instituted multiple quality measure for diabetes. One measure is to insure that all diabetic patients have at least one Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) measure each year. HbA1c level is an indication of the patient's ability to manage their disease. A measure of <7.0 HbA1c is an indication of a diabetic patient's good control of their blood sugar levels. This project is directed at those patients that are struggling with this control and one initial performance measure is to help 30% or higher number of patients reach <8.0 HbA1c.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Not Budgeted

Upon approval of this action and the completion of specific project targets and milestones, grant funds are scheduled to be released in the total amount of \$25,000 over the duration of the grant period, between April 8, 2011 and December 31, 2013. The first installment will follow the approval of this board item and execution of the Grant Agreement. The majority of the grants funds will be received in FY 2011-12 therefore a budget revision will follow in July 2011, upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Santa Barbara County Operating Plan.

**Staffing Impacts:**

There is no additional expansion of staffing or positions as result of Project IMPACT Diabetes, however, if authorized, the additional funding will be used to provide hours for an extra help pharmacist to provide workflow coverage, when necessary, for the participation of the PHD pharmacist in the Project.

**Special Instructions:**

Please email copy of the minute order to: PHDcu@sbcphd.org.

**Attachments:**

APhA Foundation Project IMPACT: Diabetes Community Services Agreement

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