



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 7/15/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
Contact Info: Susan Klein-Rothschild, Assistant Deputy Director
681-5435
SUBJECT: Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Contract

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement Number MS-0809-15 with the California Department of Aging for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program for the four month period of July 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 in the amount of \$257,074.

Summary Text:

The Public Health Department notified the California Department of Aging of its intention to terminate its contract to provide Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) services effective October 31, 2008. The California Department of Aging has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a new provider of MSSP services. It is the intention the California Department of Aging to have a new provider selected by the end of summer and transition services to the new provider on or before October 31, 2008. If there are any changes to this plan, the Public Health Department will bring this issue back to the Board of Supervisors for consideration prior to the termination of services in October.

There are several community based organizations in Santa Barbara County that have expressed their intention to apply to the California Department of Aging for MSSP funding. All of these agencies have programs that serve seniors and all have experience with the kind of Medi-Cal billing and grant documentation that the MSSP program would require.

Background:

The Public Health Department has provided the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) since 1984. This program provides social services and health care management for frail elderly clients who

are certifiable for placement in a nursing facility but who wish to remain in the community. MSSP provides services to eligible clients and their families to enable clients to remain in or return to their homes. The MSSP services are provided under a federal Medicaid Home and Community-Based, Long-Term Care Services Waiver through the California Department of Aging. MSSP is a non-mandated program.

Historically, the MSSP program received grant funding in the amount of \$857,000 annually from the California Department of Aging. This year the contract with the California Department of Aging (CDA) is for a four-month period as the Public Health Department has notified the CDA of its intention to terminate the contract effective October 31, 2008, and transition the program to a community-based agency. Transitioning the MSSP program to a community-based organization offers opportunities for long term stability, increased efficiencies, decreased duplication of services, and cost savings.

The California Department of Aging informed the County of its intent to reduce MSSP funding 10% in accordance with the Governor's proposed budget. As a result of this funding reduction, the CDA will be reducing the number of clients required to be served by 10% from 200 to 180. There are currently 179 clients on the MSSP caseload.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Narrative: This Agreement with the California Department of Aging reflects a four month period of time, incorporates 10% reimbursement reductions, and allows \$257,074 of cost reimbursement from the State of California. MSSP funding is subject to the adoption of the Governor's budget for FY 2008-09. The total cost associated with providing these services is \$324,613 which leaves \$67,539 of uncovered program costs. General Fund dollars are used to offset the unrecoverable portion of direct (\$58,354) and indirect costs (\$9,185) totaling \$67,539. Subsequent to your Board approval, the allotment will be included in the Chronic Disease and Aging cost center of the Community Health division shown on page D-204 of the budget.

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Positions:</u>	<u>FTEs:</u>
Accounting Assistant II	1.0
Office Assistant, Senior (vacant)	1.0
Public Health Nurse (vacant)	1.0
Senior Services Supervisor	1.0
Senior Services Practitioner	1.0
Health Service Aide, Senior	3.0

There are 10 positions (8.0 FTE) in the MSSP program; 2 positions (2.0 FTE) are vacant. MSSP staff who are impacted by the transition of this program will be provided for in accordance with the agreement with SEIU 620 that was recently approved by the Board.

Special Instructions:

Please return five (5) original signed Standard Agreements (Std.213s with two sets of terms and conditions), and one Certified Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcpd.org

Attachments: California Department of Aging Agreement MS-0809-15

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