

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement for Cultural Competency Training

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization (LVCHO) to fund cultural competency training in the Lompoc Clinic, for the period August 1, 2004 through May 31, 2006, in the amount of \$8,000.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation aligns with Goal VII: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization (LVCHO) was created because community leaders, health care providers, employers, and interested citizens joined together to develop an integrated rural health system as part of a James Irvine Foundation three-year grant from 1997 to 2000. The LVCHO incorporated as a non-profit entity and has continued to successfully obtain grant funds for health-related projects. LVCHO is dedicated to improving access to health services in the community, maximizing quality care through improving coordination of services and seeking efficiencies for the benefit of the community.

LVCHO has received a Community Access Program grant from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to develop and implement cultural competency training for health care providers in the Lompoc community. In May 2004 the Public Health Department, Lompoc Healthcare District, North County Rape Crisis, Domestic Violence Solutions, Zona Seca and Family Life Counseling formed a cultural competency training task force.

The Public Health Department Lompoc Clinic applied for and received \$8,000 to provide cultural competency training for all staff in the Lompoc Clinic in key areas: (a) Understanding diversity and how culture impacts the provision of health care; and (b) Cultural specific information and strategies to provide effective health care to Latino/as, Hmong, and those living with mental illness and/or disabilities.

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Mandates and Service Levels:

The assurance of access to primary care services for indigent patients is mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1276, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503 and 2505; California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1; and Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Adoption of this action will not increase the use of county general funds or the use of Public Health Department Special revenue Funds. These funds, which will provide materials and will reimburse some staff time redirected to training, have been included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Adopted Budget for the Public Health Department and can be found in the County's Operating Plan Document in the Lompoc Clinics cost center on page D-184.

There are no impacts to facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please send one signed copy and two certified minute orders to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew.

Concurrence: None required.