



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Health  
Department No.: 041  
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Continued Item: No  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Director Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT: Annual Report for the Syringe Exchange Program**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors receive the Annual Report for 2010-11 on *The Right Outfit* Syringe Exchange Program.

**Summary Text:**

As specified in the requirements for the ongoing authorization of a local syringe exchange program, an annual report must be presented at a public hearing. This annual report (see Attachment A) on the Pacific Pride Foundation, Inc. Syringe Exchange Program (aka *The Right Outfit*) is presented to the Board of Supervisors in response to this requirement.

**Background:**

On August 1, 2006 the Board of Supervisors authorized ongoing approval for the Pacific Pride Foundation's *The Right Outfit* as specified in AB 547 (Berg). This authorization requires the submittal of an annual report for the Syringe Exchange Program in a public hearing. The annual report is provided as Attachment A to this Board Letter.

Pacific Pride Foundation distributes new hypodermic syringes to injection drug users in exchange for used syringes to help reduce the spread of HIV and other blood-borne diseases through the sharing of contaminated syringes. Pacific Pride Foundation staff maintain records regarding the number and characteristics of program participants, the number of syringes distributed and collected, and information, services, and referrals provided to participants. Pacific Pride Foundation staff worked with the Public Health Department Epidemiology and HIV/AIDS Services program staff to prepare the annual report included here as Attachment A.

Brief highlights of the data analysis contained in the annual report (Attachment A) are provided below:

- 514 clients participated in the program (394 in South County and 120 in North County)
- 68% of clients were male, 32% female, with an average age of 42 years old
- 61% of clients identified as Caucasian, 33% as Hispanic/Latino, 2% as American Indian, 1% as Asian/Pacific Islander, 1% as African American, and 2% as Other
- 1,840 exchanges were completed (1,367 in South County and 473 in North County)
- 79,462 sterile syringes were distributed
- 84,975 contaminated syringes were collected and properly disposed of; reducing the number of used syringes 'on the street' by 5,513

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Pacific Pride Foundation operates the Syringe Exchange Program and receives no County funding for Syringe Exchange.

The action does not result in the need for additional facilities.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at [PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org)

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: 2010-11 Syringe Exchange Program Report

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