



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: July 18, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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Primary Care and Family Health
SUBJECT: ACEs PRACTICE (Preventing and Responding to ACEs-Associated Health
Conditions and Toxic Stress in Clinics through Community Engagement) Grant

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management
As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, a California not-for-profit public benefit corporation hereinafter called (SBNC) to accept and receive reimbursement funding from SBNC for Preventing and Responding to Associated Health Conditions and Toxic Stress in Clinics through Community Engagement (ACEs PRACTICE) grant activities for the project period of September 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$50,000 (Attachment A).
- b) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text: The Public Health Department has a long-standing partnership with Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics (SBNC) and has been working on this collaboration since May 2022. This opportunity supports an expansion of activities addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in the Santa Maria and Lompoc Health Care Centers, using existing staffing.

Background:

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events that occur during childhood (ages 0-17). These experiences have a lasting, negative impact on health, well-being, and opportunity.

The UCLA-UCSF ACEs Aware Family Resilience Network (UCAAN) partnered with the Population Health Innovation Lab, a program of the Public Health Institute (PHI), to build the PRACTICE grant. The goal of the grant project is to:

- Strengthen partnerships to screen for ACEs and respond to toxic stress.
- Develop sustainable, evidence-informed, real-world clinical services that target ACE associated health conditions and support the prevention of ACEs and response to toxic stress.
- Build a sustainable workforce to support ACE screening, respond to the impacts of toxic stress and adversity, and promote ACEs prevention.

SBNC, the lead agency in the PRACTICE Grant, and its GRANTEE partners collectively received a \$1,000,000 grant to address ACEs and strengthen partnerships, develop sustainable clinical services, and build a supportable workforce. As a grantee, the Santa Barbara Public Health Department will receive \$50,000 to support existing, budgeted staffing in expanding its population of patients receiving ACEs screening and services.

Performance Measure:

By participating in this grant project, the Santa Maria and Lompoc Health Care Centers aim to reach the following objectives between September 1, 2022, and November 30, 2023:

- Increase internal capacity for ACEs screening at Santa Maria and Lompoc Health Care Centers
- Develop and implement social media tools to inform the community of the impacts of toxic stress and community services available through their healthcare provider

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis: Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to accept reimbursement for ACEs PRACTICE Grant activities will allow the Public Health Department to strengthen its partnership with community health centers and Community Based Organizations to screen for ACEs, provide interventions where needed, and help prevent toxic stress. While the Santa Maria and Lompoc Health Care Centers currently provide ACE screening to patients aged 0-3, this funding will allow the expansion of the screening to ages 0-18. The appropriation necessary to complete these activities is currently included in the Public Health Department FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget and the FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget.

This action is not anticipated to create a need for any additional facilities.

Key Contract Risks:

Multiple policies, procedures, and training are in place to minimize risks. Any risks identified with this grant are reduced by the length of the grant period and the shared purpose of providing ACEs screening, offering interventions where needed, and helping prevent toxic stress.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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There are no staffing impacts.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements and return one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

- A. Memorandum of Understanding
- B. Appendix A-Work Plan
- C. Appendix B-PRACTICE Sub-Contract Budget
- D. ACEs-Aware-PRACTICE Grantee Summary

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