

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Public Health Department

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SUBJECT: Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Contract MS-0607-15

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Revenue Contract MS 0607-15, as follows:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agreement Number MS-0607-15 with the California Department of Aging for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$799,930.
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Certification to legally bind the County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department to the clauses: Statement of Compliance; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; National Labor Relations Board Certification; Union Organizing; Conflict of Interest; and Corporate Qualifications to do Business in California.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with:

Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit;

Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Public Health Department has provided the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), a comprehensive care management program for frail elderly clients, since 1984. These clients are seniors who meet the following criteria:

- sixty five (65) years or older;
- Medicare and Medi-Cal recipients;
- certifiable for placement in a nursing facility; and
- wish to remain in the community in their own living environment.

The goal of the program is to arrange for and monitor the use of services to provide a safe living situation in the community and to prevent or delay premature institutional placement of these frail elderly clients. Medi-Cal and Medicare realize hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings because this program is a cost-effective alternative to the high cost of long-term institutional care. Cost effectiveness is defined as the program's ability to provide community-based care for clients which is below 95% of the average monthly public cost of a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). According to a study by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (source: CMS 372 for MSSP, 2002-03), each MSSP client saves \$9,850 (36%) annually over the cost of nursing home care: \$17,600 in total Medi-Cal State and Federal costs versus \$27,470 average Medi-Cal nursing home cost.

Because these program clients are on Medi-Cal, they are enrolled in the County's In Home Support Services (IHSS) Program through the Department of Social Services (DSS). Currently staff from both DSS and PHD are examining the operational efficiencies and cost savings that may be realized by relocating the MSSP program to the DSS. A final determination is expected by late summer and a recommendation will be made to the County Executive Officer at that time. If the program is determined to be better-placed in DSS rather than PHD, staff will work to ensure a seamless transition of the program commencing in Fiscal Year FY 07-08.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is a non-mandated program. Acceptance of the MSSP Agreement obligates the County to comply with the applicable statutes: Home and Community-Based Waiver Program, Section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act. The MSSP program was established by Chapter 1434 Statutes of 1982. Additionally, Chapter 1318, Statutes of 1989, authorized the program to remain in effect so long as a federal waiver has been granted. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid reauthorized the MSSP waiver for an additional five years, through June 30, 2009. The service level in Santa Barbara County will remain at two hundred (200) frail elderly residents per month.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approving and executing this Agreement with the California Department of Aging allows the County of Santa Barbara to be reimbursed from the State of California for \$799,930 of the \$1,024,845 cost associated with providing services for the MSSP clients. Existing PHD General Fund dollars are used to offset the unrecoverable portion of direct (\$171,087) and indirect costs (\$53,828) totaling \$224,915. The MSSP program is included in the Public Health Department's

MSSP Revenue Agreement

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Fiscal Year 06-07 Recommended Budget in the Chronic Disease and Aging cost center of the Community Health division.

Special Instructions:

Please return four (4) original signed Standard Agreements, four (4) Certified Minute Orders referencing the agreement number MS-0607-15, and the original signed Certification to:

PHD Contracts Unit

300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attn: Margaret Granger (805) 681-5367.

Concurrence:

None required.