



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
Contact Info: Dan Reid, HIV/AIDS Program Administrator (681-5421)
SUBJECT: HIV/AIDS Master Grant Agreement Amendment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding an amendment to the AIDS Master Grant Agreement that includes enhancements for HIV/AIDS Early Intervention Program as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director to execute an amendment to Agreement 07-65081, with the California Department of Health Services Office of AIDS for the HIV/AIDS Master Grant for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 increasing the three-year agreement by \$409,650 for a total of \$2,589,864, and authorize the PHD Director to approve future amendments to the agreement that do not exceed 10% percent of the dollar amount.
- b) Approve and authorize the PHD Director to execute an amendment to professional services agreement BC-08-014 with the Pacific Pride Foundation Inc. (a local vendor), for the Early Intervention Project for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010 increasing the three-year agreement by \$102,360 for a total of \$507,970, and authorize the PHD Director to execute any future amendments to this agreement that do not exceed 10% of the dollar amount.

Summary Text:

Recommendation A

The HIV/AIDS Master Grant agreements include the following programs:

- Early Intervention Program (EIP)
- Bridge Project

- Positive Changes
- Pathways¹
- HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Program
- HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program
- Neighborhood Intervention Geared to High-risk Testing (NIGHT) Program
- HIV/AIDS Education & Prevention Program

Approving the AIDS Master Grant Agreement will continue existing services in four of the eight HIV/AIDS programs, enhance three programs (Bridge Project, Early Intervention Project and Positive Changes), and will create a new program titled "Pathways." The additional (EIP) funding will be used to:

1. Expand the operational area of the Bridge Project from the north county area to the south county area while concurrently increasing the number of clients receiving these services each year from an average of five (5) clients to twenty (20) clients.
2. Expand the number of HIV/AIDS clients receiving social case management services up to one hundred and fifty clients (150). Currently the Pacific Pride Foundation, Inc. is contracted to provide social case management services for one hundred and twenty five (125) HIV/AIDS clients.
3. Increase support of the Positive Changes program to insure the salary level of the clinical therapist is in alignment with other comparable County programs.
4. Create a new program titled Pathways. This program will provide mental health and substance abuse counseling services for up to twenty (20) HIV positive clients on an annual basis.

Recommendation B

Approving the amendment to the agreement with Pacific Pride Foundation Inc. will increase their current Board contract by \$102,360 over the three years of the Master Grant Agreement contract cycle. The additional funding is to enhance existing client services as listed in Recommendation A, 2-4 above. The overall impact will be to provide case management and/or clinical therapy for up to thirty (30) additional HIV positive clients each year that are seen at the Public Health Department and the Santa Barbara Neighborhood Westside Clinic.

Of the eight programs included in the AIDS Master Grant Agreement, two are mandated, the HIV Counseling and Testing program and the Surveillance program. The Early Intervention Project is a non-mandated program.

Background:

The State of California uses an AIDS Master Grant Agreement (MGA) for eight State and Federal funded programs for HIV/AIDS services. The State switched to three year grant cycles in FY 2001-2002. The MGA discussed is for a new three year cycle, FY 2007-2010.

State funding for the Early Intervention Project has been relatively unchanged for the last six years; however, the Public Health Department did receive a funding augmentation of \$60,130 annually earlier in the current fiscal year that was authorized by the Board of Supervisors at the August 14, 2007 hearing. This augmentation represents the second funding augmentation for the EIP program in the current fiscal year (07/08) and is the result of additional Ryan White

¹ Pathways is a new program that was added to the Master Grant Agreement in the current fiscal year (07/08).

Treatment and Modernization Act as well as Minority AIDS Initiative federal funding increases to California.

The Early Intervention Project is designed to provide case management services for HIV/AIDS clients immediately after their HIV positive diagnosis. The Early Intervention Project case managers work closely with clients and their medical providers to assist them with their transition into HIV care and treatment and to improve their health outcomes. Mandatory assessments and assistance include at a minimum: semi-annual health education, treatment (medication) adherence counseling, medical status assessments, psychosocial assessments and assistance with referrals, medical appointments, and benefit determination.

The Pacific Pride Foundation, Inc. currently provides these case management services. Of the \$409,650 increase, the department is recommending that \$102,360 is used to increase the number of clients case managed by Pacific Pride Foundation, Inc. \$123,000 will be used for the Pathways which will provide up to twenty (20) HIV positive clients that suffer from substance abuse addictions or mental illness with clinical counseling and therapy. The remaining \$184,290 will be used by the Public Health Department: 1) to expand Bridge Project; 2) to offset loss of administrative funding for other HIV/AIDS programs; and 3) to support the increased costs for administrative oversight for the Counseling and Testing and NIGHT programs.

Performance Measure:

The Early Intervention Project social case management model requires the following minimum six month service levels for all clients for the services specified below:

1. Psychosocial client assessment
2. Health education for all clients
3. HIV Risk Reduction Counseling
4. Case Management

The above service levels are to be reported in a summary report with monthly invoicing and further documented in two semi-annual reports.

The Bridge Project has a current performance measure to successfully refer to medical care or re-link to medical care at least 15 HIV clients annually in the north county area with a focus on the monolingual Spanish speaking target population. These services will be expanded to additional target populations in both the north and south county areas and is projected to increase client contacts by 15 annually.

The Positive Changes program currently provides risk reduction therapy for high-risk HIV positive clients. High-risk clients are those that engage in unprotected sex, sharing of contaminated needles for injection drug use and/or engaging in sex with multiple partners of unknown HIV status.

The Pathways Program is a brand new pilot project sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control. This program will provide counseling for those HIV positive clients that are struggling with mental illness or substance abuse addictions. The current performance measure is to maintain a caseload of twenty (20) clients annually. Funding will support the hiring of a part time clinical therapist with the Pacific Pride Foundation's case management and therapy team.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes, in part.

The current approved HIV/AIDS three year Master Grant Agreement of \$2,180,214 represents \$726,738 for each of the three years. Amendment #1 increases the award by 18.8%, \$136,550 annually, \$409,650 in for the three year period.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The Master Grant Agreement (MGA) has 4 Memorandums of Understanding for the separate types of HIV/AIDS services.

- PREV 07-42/1, Education and Prevention
- HIV 07-42/2, Alternative Test Sites
- SP 07-42/3, Surveillance
- **EIP 07-42/4, Early Intervention & Prevention** – an increase of \$136,550 for each of the three years (18.8%)

The Amendment under consideration affects the EIP 07-42/4 MOU. Within the EIP MOU, there are currently three HIV/AIDS programs. Approval of this amendment will increase the programs to four.

EIP 07-42/4, Early Intervention & Prevention – programs included in this MOU

	<u>Current Annual Award</u>	<u>Amendment #1</u>	<u>New Annual Total</u>	<u>Amendment x 3 Yrs</u>
Bridge Project	\$57,000	\$43,000	\$100,000	\$129,000
EIP Program	174,200	43,550	217,750	130,650
Positive Changes	85,000	5,000	90,000	15,000
<i>(New) Pathways</i>	zero	45,000	45,000	135,000
	\$316,200	\$136,550	\$452,750	\$409,650 increase

Of the \$409,650 three year increase, \$102,360 will be passed through to Pacific Pride Foundation Inc. to increase the clients who are case managed. The remaining portion, \$307,290 over three years will be used to:

- Implement a new program, Pathways, (\$45,000) to provide mental health and substance abuse counseling services for up to twenty (20) HIV positive clients on an annual basis.
- PHD Staff salary and benefits to expand the Bridge Project to the south and increase client count (\$31,000). *(Includes estimate for increased retirement.)*
- Risk Reduction (\$5,000)
- Reclassify Health Education Associate Senior position to Health Educator position (\$6,900). *(Includes estimate for increased retirement.)*
- Recoverable overhead (\$7,000)
- Miscellaneous increases in services and supplies (\$7,530)

Pending approval of the Recommendations, the Public Health Department will submit a Budget Revision Request amending the HIV/AIDS Cost Center budget with the grant award amounts.

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Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please send one certified Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit. Also return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

1. HIV/AIDS Master Grant Agreement # 07-65081 Amendment
2. Amendment to Agreement with Pacific Pride Foundation, Inc.

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