



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 27, 2010  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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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:** Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) Revenue Agreement

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Director of Public Health to execute Agreement 10-95442 with the California Department of Public Health for the Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$101,932.

**Summary Text:**

Board approval is required for this grant because the amount has changed more than 10% from the amount approved in the Public Health Department's FY 2010-11 Operating Plan. The Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) grant is a tri-counties grant serving Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo counties. The SIIS grant provides for the development, implementation and maintenance of the California Immunization Registry (CAIR), a regional automated immunization information and reminder system to ensure adequate immunization of all children in the community, whether served by private or publicly-funded providers. This grant has been renewed every year for the past 14 years.

In March 2010, notice was given by the State for a 32.5% reduction (\$48,868) in funding for Santa Barbara County for the SIIS grant. This change reduced Santa Barbara County's funding allocation from \$150,800 to \$101,932.

In order to incorporate this reduction in funding, staffing assigned to this grant has been reduced and some support functions have been automated by the state or transferred to Ventura County staff. No

filled positions were laid off. Staff was reassigned to support other PHD grants and programs to keep them whole in accordance with the SEIU 620 furlough agreement.

With less staff time available, the work to support the objectives of this grant had to be shifted. Information technology programming support has been transitioned to the state. Other operational functions for the tri-county grant area will be transferred to Ventura County SIIS staff. Service levels to Santa Barbara County will be essentially unchanged although the decrease in staffing will make it more challenging to respond in periods of high demand, such as during flu season.

**Background:**

The immunization schedule is complex and changes frequently. CAIR makes tracking immunizations easier by displaying doses due at each visit and helps maintain updated immunization records in one central location, available to multiple providers. CAIR tools, such as reminder/recall, help improve immunization services and increase coverage rates. Since the Immunization Project began utilizing the CAIR software in 2001, up-to-date immunization rates at Public Health Clinics soared from 72% to 95% overall.

Health & Safety Code 120440 authorizes local health officers to operate immunization information systems and to disclose or share certain prescribed immunization-related information concerning individual patients with specific health care providers and service providers.

**Performance Measure:**

This grant throughout 2009-10 has been linked to the PHD performance measure of ensuring that at least 95% of preschool children are fully immunized. The PHD has consistently been successful in reaching that goal.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes. The SIIS grant revenue was budgeted at the FY 2009-10 level of \$150,800 and the state allocated \$101,932 for FY 2010-11.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Approving and executing Agreement 10-95442 with the California Department of Public Health for the Statewide Immunization Information System will not result in any change in General Fund contribution. The reduction in grant funding from \$150,800 to \$101,932 will require a reduction of \$48,868 from the program budget. This will be accomplished by shifting staff to open positions in other PHD programs. Adjustments will be made to the adopted PHD budget to reflect these changes.

**Staffing Impact:**

**Legal Positions:**  
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**FTEs:**  
0

**Special Instructions:**

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

**Attachments:**

Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) Provider Standard Agreement # 10-95442

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