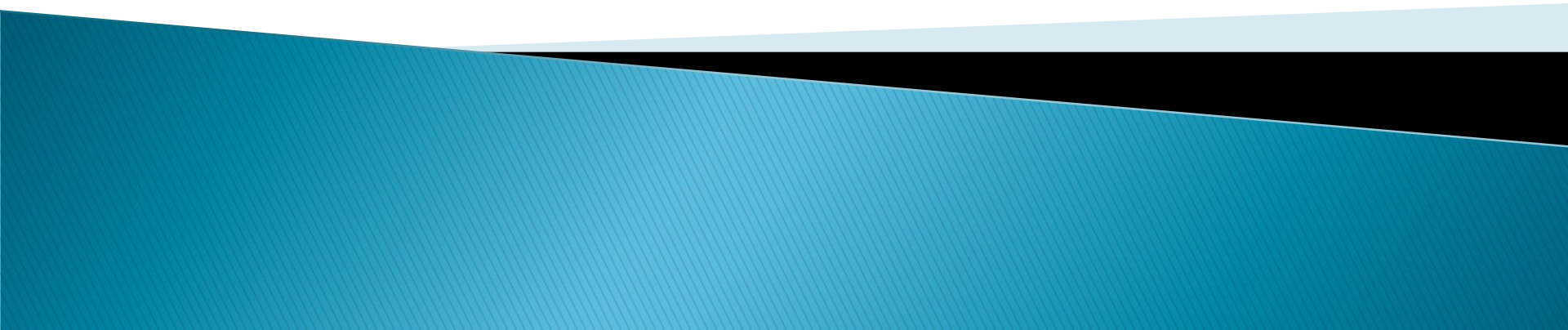


Department of Social Services

Medi-Cal and CalWORKs
Position Expansion Request
September 10, 2013



Medi-Cal Expansion

- ▶ Health care reform signed into law in March 2010
- ▶ Included Medicaid (Medi-Cal) expansion
- ▶ Persons earning up to 138% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
 - Includes childless adults, previously ineligible
- ▶ Between 30,000 to 40,000 newly eligible anticipated in Santa Barbara County

Medi-Cal Expansion

- ▶ State and federal governments provide funding for increased costs of administering the program
 - \$3.88 million to Santa Barbara County
- ▶ Funding for 53 new employees, and associated space, to handle increase

What will they do?

- ▶ New Medi-Cal hires will be trained to conduct the following tasks:
 - Eligibility Determinations; verify identity, citizenship, income, household composition, etc.
 - Redeterminations of eligibility for current recipients
 - On-going case management
 - Take calls from Covered California

CalWORKs Expansion

- ▶ CalWORKs provides 24 months of assistance to needy families in the form of cash and employment services
- ▶ 2013/14 State Budget increased CalWORKs funding to successfully move more families from welfare to work within timeframe
- ▶ This investment will focus on Family Stabilization Services, Early Engagement, and Comprehensive Assessments

CalWORKs Expansion

- ▶ State and federal sources provide the funding
 - \$1.8 million to Santa Barbara County
- ▶ New hires would enhance employment services and job development activities
 - Identify and address barriers to employment
 - Promote family stabilization
 - Provide enhanced assessment tools

Conclusion

- ▶ Medi-Cal expansion included in state budget as part of health care reform
- ▶ CalWORKs expansion included in state budget
- ▶ Funding for all positions is provided by state and federal governments
 - No cost to County General Fund

Recommendations

- ▶ Adopt the Resolution adding 63 on-going positions to the Department of Social Services to facilitate implementation of the Medi-Cal expansion and expand the CalWORKs program.
- ▶ Approve the Budget Revision Requests to increase salary and benefit appropriations to fund the 63 positions this fiscal year.