



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: September 16, 2008  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Elliot Schulman, 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

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider the recommendations regarding the Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) revenue, as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Health to execute Agreement 08-85370 with the California Department of Public Health for the Statewide Immunization Information System for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$150,800; and
- b) Authorize the Director of Public Health to approve any amendments to Agreement 08-85370 provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

**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 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 12 years.

On April 28, 2008, notice was given for a 4% reduction in funding for Santa Barbara County (\$9,782). On June 23, 2008, notice was given that funding for the three Counties was going to be reallocated by provider population in each county. This change in distribution reduced Santa Barbara County's funding allocation by an additional 34% (\$81,760), for a total change from \$242,342 to \$150,800.

In order to incorporate this reduction in grant funding, staffing assigned to this grant has been reduced and some support functions have been transferred to Ventura County staff.

**Staffing Reductions**

Administrative support to this grant was reassigned to support other PHD grants and programs. 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, work supporting grant objectives had to be shifted. Some information technology programming support will be transitioned to the State and other operational functions for the Tri-County grant area will be transferred to Ventura County SIIS grant staff. Services 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:** In California there are over 500,000 births each year, 3 million children under age six, and thousands of providers giving immunizations. Families often move, change providers, or lose their immunization records making records difficult to keep up-to-date. New vaccines for preteens, adolescents, and adults present new challenges for families and providers to track and document immunizations. The immunization schedule is complex and changes frequently. CAIR makes it easy by instantly displaying doses due at each visit. CAIR also 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 our Public Health Clinics has 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 is linked to the PHD performance measure of ensuring that at least 95% of preschool children are fully immunized.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes. The SIIS grant revenue was budgeted at the FY 2007-2008 level of \$242,342 and the State allocated \$150,880 for FY 2008-2009.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Executing this one year Agreement will not result in any change in General Fund contribution. The reduction in grant funding of \$91,542 (from \$242,432 to \$150,800) has been incorporated as follows:

Shifting of Salaries and Benefits to other PHD programs	= \$79,040
Reduction of Services and Supplies expenditures (processing)	= \$12,502 (mostly related to data processing)

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 [PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org)

**Attachments:**

Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) Provider Standard Agreement # 08-85370

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