



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: June 22, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, PhD, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: California Home Visiting Program State General Fund Innovation Award - New
Scope of Work for FY21-22

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept a new Scope of Work for FY2021-22 for the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State General Fund Innovation Agreement with California Department of Public Health in the amount not to exceed \$1,714,974 for a three year period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; and
- b) Determine that these activities are not a “project” and are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to approve and authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director to accept a new Scope of Work for FY2021-22 for an allocation agreement in the amount up to \$1,714,974 for three years for California Home Visiting State General Fund Innovation award. The Board approved the Agreement on December 15, 2020, with a Scope of Work for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. PHD is returning to the Board for approval of the new Scope of Work for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Attachment A).

Background:

Child abuse is a persistent problem within Santa Barbara County and the entire state. Although it is a hidden social ill, its impact is significant. Child abuse impacts not just the child, but the family, the community, and society at large. While the impact of abuse not only morally devastates our community, it also significantly hurts our economy. In fact, the physical, mental, and emotional effects of abuse persist long after child abuse occurs, and result in ongoing costs to every sector of our community. Child abuse is a significant adverse childhood event (ACE) and a core underlying factor to many of the ongoing struggles of this community, such as high rates of school dropout, homelessness, incarceration, and chronic health issues. The cumulative financial impact to the Santa Barbara community for the 423 verified child victims in 2017 is \$114.6M. Though these costs are accrued over the course of the victim's life, the community will continue to incur the same cost each year until we are able to reduce and ultimately end child abuse.

Early childhood home visiting programs and case-management generally provide new and expectant parents with information, support, referrals to community resources and services, promote good maternal and child health, home safety, food security, and positive parenting skills. Case-management and home visitation interventions in early-life have strong evidence to support the prevention of negative long-term health effects. By investing in upstream prevention programs, like home visiting, we can prevent child abuse and neglect before it can begin. This not only saves taxpayer dollars, but also helps strengthen families and create thriving communities.

Healthy Families America (HFA) is a nationally-recognized, evidence-based home visiting program, launched by Prevent Child Abuse America in 1992. The purpose of HFA is to support new parents from the beginning during pregnancy or at the time their babies are born and, for families facing greater challenges, to offer ongoing home visiting services until the child is age three, and up to age five. HFA is rooted in the belief that early, nurturing relationships are the foundation for life-long, healthy development. HFA delivers home visits to overburdened families, to help parents forge a strong bond with their child despite challenges such as single parenthood, low income, and depression that put children at risk for adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), including abuse and neglect. The HFA model is based upon twelve research-based critical elements and is committed to demonstrating consistent service implementation and quality.

With this grant funding, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department's Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program plans to establish a HFA home visiting program with an innovative approach that will focus on improving the health outcomes of the families served, including children and youth with special health care needs (CSHCN), by coordinating episodic case management with a Public Health Nurse (PHN) as needed. MCAH currently has a general field nursing program that provides short-term case management by PHNs and paraprofessional staff for pregnant women, postpartum women, children 0-18 and their families. HFA would be offered to those families that are at risk for child abuse and who would benefit from longer-term more intense case management services to increase positive parenting practices, improve child health, maternal health, child development and school readiness, and family economic and self-sufficiency. We plan to train and transition existing MCAH paraprofessional staff to be HFA home visitors. An HFA program with episodic case management by a PHN would provide a more intense, longer-term evidence-based home visiting model

that is currently not offered in Santa Barbara County. With this addition, families would have a suite of services to choose from based on their needs and goals.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no fiscal impact with the Scope of Work changes.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) certified electronic Minute Order to Kelly Lazarus at Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

- A. California Home Visiting Project State General Fund Innovation Award Scope of Work for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- B. California Home Visiting Project State General Fund Innovation Award

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