



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: April 7, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Lindsay Walter, Deputy Director of Clinical Care
SUBJECT: **Providing Access and Transforming Health Capacity and Infrastructure Transition, Expansion, and Development Initiative Round 4 Award Acceptance**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the County Health Department Director, or designee, to accept and receive funding from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Capacity and Infrastructure Transition, Expansion, and Development (CITED) Round 4 Initiative Round 4 Award for approved activities for the project period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$296,492.70 (Attachment A and Attachment B);
- b) Approve budget revision BJE Number 0010972 (Attachment C) in the amount of \$148,247 to establish appropriations in the County Health Department for unanticipated revenue for personnel expenses (\$38,612), services and supplies (\$2,250), other services (\$100,325), and indirect costs (\$7,060) from DHCS' PATH CITED Round 4 funding award; and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and are exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the recommended actions are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any 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 authorize the County Health Department (CHD) to accept the Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Capacity and Infrastructure Transition, Expansion, and Development (CITED) Round 4 Award for the activities that support delivering Enhanced Care Management (ECM) services for individuals involved in the justice system. CHD aims to expand its current ECM program which serves persons experiencing homelessness and persons at risk for avoidable hospital or emergency department care to fully serving the adult and youth Medi-Cal population of focus transitioning from incarceration. CHD will support health information exchange between its ECM team and the County Jails and Juvenile Justice Center Medical Discharge and Referral team and support the implementation of a closed-loop referral system to help individuals navigate the various systems of care.

Discussion:

CHD applied for the PATH CITED Round 4 grant in May 2025 and received an award of \$296,492.70 in November 2025. The duration of the funding is from January 1 to December 31, 2026. With the approval of the above recommended actions, CHD will use the PATH CITED Round 4 funds to achieve the following goals:

1. Supply needed Electronic Health Record (EHR) access, office supplies, and training costs for CHD ECM staff for discharge coordination between Jail/Probation and the County Health Care Centers. Training for the CHD ECM team as well as the Jail and Probation Staff will be focused on ECM activities and discharge processes related to the Youth and Adults in the Justice Involved populations.
2. Incorporate the ECM for Justice Involved Populations of Focus module into CHD's EHR System and support the ongoing cost of EHR maintenance.
3. Further incorporate FindHelp into the CHD's EHR. FindHelp is the online catalog (preferred by CenCal Health and in use at CHD) that provides free or reduced-cost resources to connect people with community resources and to track closed loop referrals from one provider to another.

Through a consultant, CHD will facilitate the development of the PATH CITED 4 project objectives, including building and supporting the organizational structure and integrating the Justice Involved populations of focus into the ECM program, especially those individuals preparing for release from the jails or juvenile justice center.

Background:

The State of California is in the process of transforming its Medicaid program, known as Medi-Cal, to make it more equitable, coordinated, and person-centered. This transformation, called California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM), aims to focus on the individual needs of each enrollee by coordinating clinical and support services to address their physical, developmental, behavioral, service, dental, and social support needs. CalAIM also aims to address Social Determinants of Health, which are various situational factors that affect health, functioning, and quality of life outcomes.

The PATH initiative was designed to allocate funding for services to members during the transition to CalAIM and to provide tools and resources to community-based providers, including, but not limited to public hospitals, counties, city government agencies, justice agencies, community-based organizations, and Medi-Cal Tribal and Designees of Indian Health Programs to ensure successful implementation. PATH consists of multiple coordinated initiatives supporting the implementation of ECM and community supports services in various ways.

CHD currently has an agreement with CenCal Health, the County’s Medicaid Managed Care Plan, to provide ECM services to people experiencing homelessness and persons at risk for avoidable hospital or emergency department care. This project will expand ECM to better serve justice involved individuals.

Performance Measure:

With the PATH CITED Round 4 funding, the CHD will build the infrastructure necessary to serve nearly 850 youth and adults preparing to be released from incarceration or detention.

CHD is required to submit quarterly progress reports to DHCS every three months throughout the grant period. Each progress report will include a detailed description of completed milestones, status of activities for that quarter, and any deviations from the agreed-upon milestones. Milestones include providing executed agreement with Managed Care Plan (Cencal Health), completion of software implementation of FindHelp for ECM services, and training of staff.

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026	Mid-April 2026
April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026	Mid-July 2026
July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026	Mid-October 2026
October 1, 2026- December 31, 2026	Mid-January 2027

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No, BJE Number 0010972 is attached and will increase appropriations in FY 2025-26 through funding received from DHCS’ PATH CITED round 4 grant.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Total
State (DHCS)	\$148,246.35	\$148,246.35	\$296,492.70
Total	\$148,246.35	\$148,246.35	\$296,492.70

The attached BJE Number 0010972 will establish appropriations in CHD for salaries and employee benefits in the amount of \$38,612, services and supplies in the amount of \$2,250, other services costs in the amount of \$100,325, and indirect costs in the amount of \$7,060 in FY 2025-26 funded by DHCS’ PATH CITED round 4 Grant. It is estimated that an additional \$148,246.35 will be spent and included in the CHD’s FY 2026-27 Recommended budget.

Staffing Impacts:

Approval of this recommendation will authorize CHD to continue to fund one (1) 0.5 FTE Department Business Specialist I/II. The projected cost for this position is approximately \$77,224 which will be

fully covered by the PATH CITED Round 4 grant funds received over the course of two fiscal years (\$38,612 in FY 2025-26 and \$38,612 in FY 2026-27) from DHCS to provide ECM services.

Special Instructions:

Request the Clerk of the Board to send two (2) copies of the Minute Order to:
Margaret “Margs” Fitzwilliam, MPA, Contracts Unit Supervisor, Santa Barbara County Health Department and Gus Mejia, Chief Financial Officer, Santa Barbara County Health Department

Attachments:

Attachment A – PATH CITED Round 4 Award Letter

Attachment B – PATH CITED Round 4 Terms & Conditions

Attachment C – Budget Revision – BJE No. 0010972

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