



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: March 09, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Michele Mickiewicz, MPH, Interim Director
Director Public Health Department
Contact Info: Scott McCann, HIV/AIDS Program Administrator (681-5270)

SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with the California Department of Health Services State Office of Aids and Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Pride Foundation for the HIV Care Program.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the HIV Care Program, as follows:

- a) Authorize the Public Health Department Director to execute Amendment A04 to revenue Agreement Number 07-65081 with the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS for the HIV Care Program (formerly the AIDS Master Grant Agreement) for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$471,666.
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Independent Contractor Agreement with Pacific Pride Foundation for the HIV Care Program to provide early intervention services for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$255,184.

Summary Text:

The Public Health Department (PHD) has received an amendment to a block grant from the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS for the HIV/AIDS Care Program in the amount of \$471,666. This grant, coming to the PHD as the "HIV Care Program", replaces the Ryan White, Part B (formerly Title II), and multiple State program grants (under the "Master Grant Agreement") which previously funded:

- Early Intervention Program
- Bridge Project
- Positive Changes
- Pathways
- HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Program [MANDATED]
- Neighborhood Intervention Geared to High-Risk Testing Program
- HIV/AIDS Education & Prevention Program

The HIV Care Program grant will enable the continuation of most existing services at a significantly reduced level through both the Public Health Department and through our community partners. This state grant will also enable Pacific Pride Foundation to continue its efforts in HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment per the terms of the requested Independent Contractor Agreement for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The PHD has contracted with Pacific Pride Foundation since the early 1990's for HIV/AIDS prevention, counseling and treatment under several Purchasing contracts and two Board Contracts. One of the existing Board Contracts (BC-08-014) will terminate upon execution of the requested Independent Contractor Agreement referenced herein. The requested Board Contract will support the following efforts:

1. Medical case management
2. Mental health counseling services
3. Medical nutritional assessments, counseling and information
4. Pantry program which includes nutritional supplements, food, dental and personal hygiene supplies
5. Purchasing HIV rapid test kits for screening high risk candidates for HIV infection

Background:

The State of California previously used a three-year AIDS Master Grant Agreement (MGA) for eight state and federal funded programs for HIV/AIDS services. The latest agreement commenced in FY 2007-08 and will terminate in FY 2009-10.

Due to significant budgetary constraints, over eighty (80) million dollars of State General Fund was eliminated from the Office of AIDS budget starting in July 2009. A portion of that money was used to support local HIV programs. The Office of AIDS worked with the local jurisdictions to develop a revised block grant funding mechanism, the result of which is the amendment to the MGA to eliminate seven (of the eight) programs. The companion Memorandums of Understanding are amended as well as the reconfiguration of the MGA.

Santa Barbara County lost \$389,291 of funding for the seven programs, including the Ryan White, Part B, grant. The remaining grants were collapsed into a new program entitled "HIV Care Program." The California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS oversees this program. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, working with its community partners and through the local community planning body known as the HIV Prevention and Care Council, developed an allocation proposal and application that re-focused the remaining limited funding on primary care and critical

support services for those infected or affected by HIV in Santa Barbara County. This process culminated in the submission, to the Office of AIDS, of an application and work plan for the HIV Care Program block grant funding. The PHD's application was approved and a block grant of \$471,666 was awarded. Both the state's block grant and the Pacific Pride Foundation Agreement are retroactive to July 1, 2009 and allow the PHD to reimburse the Pacific Pride Foundation and other subcontractors for applicable services provided in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

The re-prioritization of services provided by the Public Health Department and the Pacific Pride Foundation for HIV clients includes:

- HIV specialty care diagnostic testing critical to administering necessary anti-viral medications
- Medical case management
- Mental health services
- Oral health (dental) services
- Nutritional services and food supplies
- Focused HIV screening for high risk clients (test kit purchase only)
- Outreach intervention services to link newly diagnosed HIV clients into care or re-connect those that have fallen out of care (previously known as the Bridge Project)
- Partner Counseling Referral Services

Performance Measure:

The current performance measures for the previous HIV Alternative Testing Site Counseling and Testing program are no longer valid due to the significant reduction in funding and service levels. New performance measures have been built into the HIV Care Program that include total number of clients to be provided services in each service category, linkages to medical outcomes for clients, and alignment with federal and state performance measures.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Authorizing the Public Health Director to execute this revenue agreement does not increase the HIV/AIDS Cost Center. This revenue agreement partially replaces State General Fund cuts to the HIV/AIDS programs with federal dollars. The net result of this action would be a reduction of \$389,291 to the HIV/AIDS Cost Center found on page D-204 in the FY 2009-10 Budget Book. Approximately \$184,750 is reduced salary and benefits and the remaining portion of \$204,541 is mostly subcontracts with Community Based Organizations.

Pending executions of the revenue agreement and the Pacific Pride Foundation contract, the Department will return to the Board with a Budget Revision Request reducing the state funding and realigning the program budget.

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

Staffing Impacts:

State General Fund cuts resulted in two position reductions to the HIV/AIDS Cost Center. These two positions were assigned to vacancies in different programs; one Health Educator and one Health Services Aide Sr.

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Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) fully executed Independent Contractor Agreement and one (1) certified Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.
ATTN: Rose Davis.

Attachments:

1. Amendment 04 to Agreement # 07-65081 California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS for Cares Program Block Grant.
2. Independent Contractor Agreement BC-10-092 with Pacific Pride Foundation

Authored by:

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