

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Foundation of Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority to provide health insurance coverage through the Healthy Kids Program

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute an agreement with the Foundation of the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage to approximately 150 uninsured Santa Barbara County children for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Health to execute any amendments to this contract during FY 2005-06.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal #2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit and Goal #7: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

In December 2004, the Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee (TSAC) brought its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for allocation of the FY 2005-06 tobacco settlement funding. The Board approved the TSAC recommendations and allocated the tobacco settlement funding as part of the FY 2005-06 budget process. In so doing, \$200,000 of tobacco settlement funding was allocated to Doorway to Health, the Foundation of the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority for the Healthy Kids Program.

The contract before the Board for approval would allow utilization of this funding to provide health insurance coverage via the Healthy Kids program for approximately 150 uninsured Santa Barbara County children with family incomes under 300% of the Federal Income Guidelines, who do not have access to affordable healthcare nor qualify for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, or other publicly-subsidized programs.

This will allow these children to access medical, dental, and vision services beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. The premium costs are approximately \$1305/year per child. It is anticipated that at least 150 children will receive insurance coverage during the FY 2005-06 through this contract.

Santa Barbara is one of twenty-nine counties throughout the State that have implemented or are planning to implement a local Healthy Kids program. In addition to TSAC, the Healthy Kids program also receives funding from First 5 Children and Families Commission, the California Endowment and private donations. It is estimated that this combined funding will allow this program to serve approximately 536 of the estimated 4,000 potentially eligible children in the county. The Foundation is pursuing other funding sources to expand this program to cover additional children.

The Contract term is from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. In the first months of the fiscal year, the parties met several times to establish the scope of work and the performance measures. ~~The Healthy Kids Program also receives funding from the First 5 Children & Families Commission. Between the tobacco settlement and the First 5 funding, the program will be able to reach more than 300 children in its first year of operation. Doorway to Health is pursuing other funding sources to enable expansion to fund health insurance for additional children. They estimate that there are 4000 children in Santa Barbara County that would qualify for coverage through the Healthy Kids program~~The agency did not begin enrolling children in the program until December 1, 2005 and will bill for the first time in the third quarter.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

There are no mandates regarding the allocation and use of tobacco settlement funds. Service levels will be monitored through performance measures to track utilization of funding and impacts to children covered through Healthy Kids.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This \$200,000 agreement is fully funded through the Tobacco Settlement allocation received by Santa Barbara County. There is no use of general fund resources associated with this agreement. These funds have been allocated as part of the Public Health Department's Fiscal Year 2005-06 Adopted Budget and can be found in the County's Operating Plan Document on Page D- 200 in the Tobacco Settlement Cost Center.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return two original executed contracts along with a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attn: Margaret Granger (805) 681-5367.

**Concurrence:**

None required.