



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: November 19, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD
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SUBJECT: Health Resources and Services Administration Health Center Integrated
Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Funding

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept and receive supplemental funding to the Health Resources and Services Administration Grant Award H80CS00046-18-06 dated August 1, 2019 for integrated behavioral health services with an additional amount of \$167,000 for the duration of the period through February 28, 2021 (Attachment A).
- b) Approve and authorize the Budget Revision Request # BJE 0006678 to establish appropriations for \$83,500 of unanticipated revenue from the Federal government for Health Resources and Services Administration supplemental funding and increasing Salaries and Benefits and Services and Supplies for FY 2019-20 in the County's financial system (Attachment B).
- c) Authorize the Public Health Department to fund one 1.0 FTE currently unfunded, vacant position in the department with the allocation from the supplemental funding.
- a) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and is exempt per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(5), since the recommended actions are organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda to authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) to accept supplemental and unanticipated revenue from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The purpose of the 2019 Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) supplemental funding is to support an increase

in access to high quality integrated behavioral health services, including prevention or treatment of mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders (SUDs), including opioid use disorder. IBHS funding must be used for costs addressing the IBHS purpose that are not otherwise supported by other HRSA Health Center Program operational grant funding. PHD will use the funding to add 1 FTE Behavioral Health Specialist (BHS) Supervisor position to supervise the team of 4 licensed therapists throughout the County and to serve as a clinician, as well. HRSA requires the 1 FTE BHS Supervisor to be hired by April 30, 2020 and maintained through Year 2. After Year 2, it is anticipated that HRSA will incorporate IBHS Funding into the ongoing Health Center award. The ongoing IBHS funding available in FY 2020 and beyond is contingent upon funds being appropriated by Congress for the Health Center Program in subsequent fiscal years; satisfactory recipient performance; and a decision that continued funding is in the best interest of the federal government.

Background:

IBHS builds upon previous HRSA funding opportunities to support health centers in overcoming barriers to patient access to behavioral health services. The funding allocated will be used to hire a BHS Supervisor to support the Health Center SUD and mental health services through more clinician time and more robust supervision of the BHS clinicians. The BHS Supervisor will supervise the BHSs, manage the practice to optimize service delivery, and directly provide therapeutic interventions to mentally, behaviorally and/or medically challenged patients of the health care centers.

The goal of the IBHS funding is to support the expansion of the Health Care Centers' high quality integrated behavioral health services through workforce expansion and clinical workflow and practice transformation. The HRSA funding allows PHD to use this funding to create additional essential behavioral health provider positions that are costly and otherwise would be unfunded.

Clinician supervision is considered a key aspect of integrated care. In addition to administrative and organizational functions, supervisors play an important role in hiring appropriate staff, helping with problem-solving, performing vital peer review functions, and providing ongoing education and training for staff by identifying staff learning needs and modeling exemplary clinical behavior. As behavioral health services expand, it is important to manage the program through a direct supervisor. The BHS Supervisor would also have a part-time caseload and would increase access to care at the health care center where assigned.

Performance Measure:

HRSA requires that the PHD increase the number of patients accessing integrated, evidence-based behavioral health services as a result of this funding by December 31, 2020. Increase new and/or existing patients receiving SUD and/or mental health services as reported in the 2020 Uniform Data System (UDS) report; and add Behavioral Health service personnel by April 30, 2020.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State		\$ -	
Federal	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 167,000.00
Fees		\$ -	
Other:			
Total	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 167,000.00

Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to accept this Supplemental Funding and Budget Revision Request will provide the funding for the Department’s efforts to increase the availability of Behavioral Health Services. Funding in the amount of \$83,500 will be used during Fiscal Year 2019-20 to hire a full-time Behavioral Health Specialist Supervisor (Psychologist or Licensed Clinical Social Worker) with a target start date of early January 2020. The target population is patients with mild-to-moderate impairments and those coping with situational stress. The Behavioral Health Specialist conducts visits that are brief and interventions condensed.

The supplemental funding is anticipated to continue through August of 2020 and to be added to the department’s base amount of federal funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration after that time.

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

Key Contract Risks:

NA

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

0

FTEs:

1

Special Instructions:

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcpd.org

Attachments:

- A. HRSA Grant Award H80CS00046-18-06
- B. Budget Journal Entry Number: BJE-0006678

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