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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Department Name:
County Health
Department Number:
41
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Placement:
Administrative Agenda

Estimated Time:
N/A
Continued Item:
No
If Yes, date from:
N/A
Vote Required:
Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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CONTACT: Paola Hurtado, Division Chief of Primary Care and Family Health

SUBJECT: County Health and Vision Service Plan Memorandum of Understanding for Mobile Vision Clinic

Concurrences:

County Counsel Concurrence:
As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:
As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management
As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the no-cost Memorandum of Understanding with Vision Service Plan, a California not-for-profit corporation, and its affiliate, VSP Eyes of Hope

Mobile Clinic (“VSP”) to provide free, on-site vision screenings, comprehensive eye examinations, and related vision services to eligible community members in Santa Barbara County in coordination with the County;

- b) Determine that the recommended action is not a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the recommended action is a government fiscal activity that does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with VSP Eyes of Hope Mobile Clinic (“VSP”) for volunteer and clinical support services at the County Health Department in Santa Barbara County. Under this MOU, VSP will deliver free, on-site vision screenings, comprehensive eye examinations, and related vision services at the Lompoc and Santa Maria Health Centers for eligible community members. This MOU establishes a new partnership between CHD and VSP to support planned community vision screening events.

Discussion:

CHD and VSP intend to enter into this agreement to make free, on-site vision screenings, comprehensive eye examinations, and related vision services available to eligible community members.

The proposed screenings will be delivered on County property at the Santa Maria Health Care Center and Lompoc Health Care Center on August 20th and 21st, 2026. VSP has capacity to deliver up to fifty free mobile vision screenings at each event, with participants being provided with free glasses by VSP as part of the services.

VSP services are available to individuals with a family income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and who lack routine eye care or eye care coverage through a public or private insurer. VSP will be responsible for screening individuals for eligibility in the program, collecting necessary medical consent and authorizations, providing vision screenings, and making and distributing prescription eyewear to participants.

As part of these screenings, CHD will be responsible for coordinating site logistics including identifying appropriate space for VSP’s mobile clinic, portable eye exam lanes (mobile versions of traditional ophthalmic exam setups), and access to facilities including parking, restrooms and other utilities as needed. CHD will also assist with community outreach and communication about these events, to support delivering services to as many community members as possible.

Background:

VSP, through its Eyes of Hope program, partners with licensed eye care professionals to deliver free vision screenings to community members across the United States with limited income and access to vision services. Patients may be seen in an eye exam room, on-board VSP’s mobile unit, or in portable eye exam lanes outside the mobile unit. The mobile unit also offers participating patients the opportunity to try on and select a free pair of optical frames that are then completed in an optical finishing lab on the mobile unit. Finished single vision prescription glasses are provided on-site and VSP offers a process to send patients multifocal or complex prescriptions via an optical lab.

Performance Measure:

CHD will work with VSP to fill as many available timeslots as possible with eligible participants.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

CHD anticipates no additional costs associated with the VSP vision screening events at the Lompoc and Santa Maria Health Care Centers. There will be no funds exchanged for the screenings or use of space.

Staffing Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

Please return a signed copy of the MOU and the minute order to the County Health, Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcpd.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – County of Santa Barbara and VSP MOU (Signature Needed)

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