



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:** June 22, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** ACEs Aware Grant Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

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**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 the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director, or designee, to accept and execute the ACEs Aware Grant agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital in the amount not to exceed \$7,700 for a period of June 30, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and
- b) Determine that the activity is not a “project” and is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended action is a government fiscal activity which does not involve 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 approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director, or designee, to accept and execute an allocation agreement in the amount up to \$7,700 for the ACEs Aware Grant agreement (Attachment A).

**Background:**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress represent a public health crisis. A consensus of scientific research demonstrates that cumulative adversity, especially when experienced during childhood development, is a root cause to some of the most harmful, persistent, and expensive health

challenges facing the state and the nation. California is leading the way in training and providing payment to Medi-Cal providers for ACEs screenings to significantly improve health and well-being across the state’s communities. For additional information on the ACEs Aware initiative, visit the ACEs Aware website ([www.ACEsAware.org](http://www.ACEsAware.org)).

In 2017, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department’s Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) program developed a training based on the NEAR@Home toolkit, a resource for home visitors to respectfully and effectively address ACEs with families. The NEAR@Home framework is centered on the latest science regarding Neuroscience, Epigenetics, ACEs, and Resilience (NEAR) to address ACEs in the home. Screening and educating families on ACEs and resiliency are core elements of the curriculum.

With this grant funding, MCAH will adapt their previously developed training based on the NEAR@Home toolkit to be a Supplemental ACEs Aware training to include updates from the latest version of the NEAR@Home Toolkit, ensure topics covered and definitions align with ACEs Aware evidence-based standards of care, and incorporate examples related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In coordination with Cottage Health, MCAH will record the NEAR@Home training with the recording to be housed on a training site provided by Cottage and accessible to all at no-cost.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

There will be no new expenditures due to the acceptance of this grant. The staff working on this grant will be existing staff redirected from other activities and the funding is budgeted for the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Program.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
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**FTEs:**  
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**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) electronic Minute Order to the Public Health at [Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org](mailto:Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org)

**Attachments:**

- A. ACEs Aware Grant Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

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