



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 1, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara Authority for the use of space at several locations to provide homeless outreach services in the community (Attachment A).
- b) Authorize the Public Health Department Director to sign the inspection addendum under Article I(D) and final inspection report under Article V(C) of the Agreement, and any other necessary documents that do not materially change the provisions of the Agreement.
- c) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara Authority (HACSB) for the use of space to provide Public Health Nurse outreach and supportive services to the residents of Pescadero Lofts in Isla Vista as well as to other members of the community who would benefit from these services in order to successfully exit homelessness and to remain in a permanent housing situation.

Background:

In 1989 the County of Santa Barbara applied for and was granted a Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) project from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Initially the main component of the program consisted of three Public Health Nurses (PHN) driving in a van to various locations throughout the county providing triage in the field and offering transportation to one of the fixed clinic locations. The HCH program has expanded considerably since then and includes three clinics based in homeless shelters, access to five health center clinics with in-house pharmacies, labs and specialty services such as orthopedics, ophthalmology, endocrinology, and rheumatology. However, with each new innovation, the PHN model remains a pillar of the program. The van is long gone; however three nurses continue to provide outreach to homeless shelters, recovery homes and community meal locations throughout the county to assist with the mission of reducing barriers to accessing healthcare for those experiencing homelessness.

Pescadero Lofts in Isla Vista opened in 2015 and is home to thirty-two people who were homeless and living in or around Isla Vista prior to gaining tenancy. The property is owned and operated by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara. The aim of the project is to provide wrap-around supportive services for the residents to provide a stable and secure living situation. The PHN will be an important member of the support team at Pescadero Lofts consisting of social service personnel and mental health practitioners. On site one-to-two days per week, the PHN will provide case management and nursing assessments such as blood pressure checks, offering influenza vaccinations and facilitating appointments at local health care centers and dental clinics. This agreement permits the Public Health Nurse to use the space as assigned by HACSB.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no cost or fiscal impact associated with the execution of this agreement.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara Agreement

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