

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Chlamydia Screening Project (ClaSP) Agreement

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute the Standard Agreement #02-25943 with the State Department of Health Services, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch for the Chlamydia Screening Project for the period of October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 in the amount of \$40,000.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

- Goal No. 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.
- Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.
- Goal No. 5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents.
- Goal No. 7: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The California Department of Health Service's Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch continued their efforts to reduce Chlamydia by offering up to \$55,000 to counties who are or will implement a Chlamydia Screening Project (ClaSP) for youths in non-clinical settings. The goals of the program are to decrease the prevalence of Chlamydia in the selected venue by 20% within one year, and to assist in determining the feasibility and applicability of national performance measures.

The Santa Barbara Public Health Department (PHD) prepared a proposal and on September 5, 2002 was awarded \$40,000 to screen and treat minors in the juvenile facilities. In addition to the award, the PHD also will receive the appropriate pharmaceuticals at no charge.

Chlamydia is the fastest spreading STD infection among sexually active adolescents and young adults less than 25 years of age in Santa Barbara County. The number of cases had increased 50% from 385 in 1993 to 578 in 1997. In the year 2001 there were 838 cases representing a 53% increase from 1997. Given the fact that the youths are a “captive audience” when they are in the Juvenile Halls, it creates an excellent opportunity for the medical team to screen and treat the disease efficiently and effectively. The Public Health Department has been testing girls in the juvenile detention facilities with a simple urine screening test since 1997. Chlamydia can cause infertility and has been linked to cervical cancer. It is silent in males, who may transmit the disease unknowingly. The best way to prevent these problems is to be screened even if you have no symptoms.

The award will benefit the Probation Department because part of the funding will be used to offset laboratory and pharmaceutical costs usually incurred in their budget for the Juvenile Halls. The remainder will offset Chlamydia administrative and testing costs incurred by the Public Health Department.

Your Board is requested to execute the Standard Agreement #02-25943 with the State Department of Health Services, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch for the Chlamydia Screening Project for the period of October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 in the amount of \$40,000.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is a non-mandated program. Applicable legislative statutes are California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1276, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2505; and California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approval of this \$40,000 agreement will not increase the PHD General Fund Contribution or A87 Plan Overhead. The FY 2002-2003 budget included \$22,757 in laboratory charges from the Public Health Department to the Probation Department. Accepting this agreement will allow for the State to fund nine months of FY 2002-2003 laboratory charges rather than the Probation Department. Additionally, this agreement will fund an increased level of laboratory tests, existing PHD staff time, and 100% of the PHD indirect cost rate. Because this agreement spans two fiscal years, beginning October 1, 2002, the chart below shows the estimated usage by department and fiscal year.

	FY 2002-2003 (3 months)	FY 2002-2003 Grant (9 months)	FY 2003-2004 Grant (3 months)	FY 2003-2004 (9 months)
Probation Dept. Laboratory Budget	\$5,689	\$17,068	\$5,689	To be Determined
PHD increase in Laboratory		4,336	1,446	
PHD staff time Recovered		4,182	1,394	
PHD Indirect Cost Recovered		4,414	1,471	
Total		\$30,000	\$10,000	

By accepting this agreement, the Probation department will not expend \$22,757 for budgeted laboratory costs, the PHD will receive funding for existing staff time (\$5,576), and 100% of PHD indirect cost rate will be recovered (\$5,885). In addition, PHD will receive funding for the cost of the increased number of laboratory tests.

Approval of this action will result in increasing the Inmate Health cost center displayed on page D-170 of the 2002-2003 fiscal year budget from \$393,743 to \$397,925 (the cost of the PHD increased laboratory tests.) Pending approval, a Budget Revision Request will follow.

Approval of this action will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please return seven (7) copies of the Standard Agreement with original signatures to Elizabeth Scarcelli, Public Health Department, Calle Real Campus.

Concurrence: Probation Department.