



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: July 12, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer,
Director Public Health Department
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Deputy Director, Primary Care & Family Health
SUBJECT: Department of Health Care Services and California Endowment Medi-Cal Revised
Re-enrollment Funding Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute a revised Allocation Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services to receive a grant for Medi-Cal re-enrollment assistance for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$184,303.
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do 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 authorize the Public Health Director to sign a revised Allocation Agreement and accept an increased award from the California Department of Health Care Services and the California Endowment. This funding is to increase Medi-Cal re-enrollments for eligible individuals in Santa Barbara County. This is one-time funding that must be expended within the time frame (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018) and ninety percent (90%) of the funding must be provided to Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to ensure community collaborations.

Background:

Senate Bill (SB) 18 provides counties and CBOs funding to assist current Medi-Cal beneficiaries in renewing and retaining their coverage. The SB 18 funding is a mixture of foundation and federal award funding. Ninety percent (90%) of the funding must be passed through to CBOs as subrecipients of the

grant. In September 2015 your Board entered into an Allocation Agreement under SB 18 for \$179,992. This revised Allocation Agreement extends the time frame of the Agreement through December 31, 2018 and increases the allocation for Santa Barbara County by \$4,311.

The Public Health Department has successfully recruited five Community Based Organizations (Family Resource Centers) and has been actively assisting Medi-Cal recipients with their renewals. These agreements began on September 1, 2015 and 1,697 clients have been assisted and of those assisted, 392 clients have successfully renewed their Medi-Cal coverage as verified in a partnership with the County Education Office and the County Department of Social Services.

Without this revised Agreement, the current Work Plan and Budget for this Allocation would sunset on December 31, 2016. Although great strides have been made in assisting clients with their Medi-Cal renewals additional time is necessary to reach the County performance objectives for these Community Based Organization agreements. The County, by entering into this revised agreement would be able to extend these activities into 2017 (we are projecting complete use of the Allocation by the end of March 2017) and accept the additional \$4,311 allocation. Ninety percent (90%) of the additional allocation would be allocated to the Community Based Organizations and the ten percent (10%) administration allocation would be equally divided between the Public Health Department and the County Education Office according to the State Allocation Agreement and the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Health Department and the County Education Office for Medi-Cal renewal assistance.

Performance Measure:

The Performance Objectives for this grant include additional Medi-Cal re-enrollment verifications for approximately 1,200 individual residents of Santa Barbara County. As of the end of May 2016, 392 residents of have verified renewals but another almost 200 clients are in the process of renewing. This is approximately 50% of the Objective over 75% of the initially proposed time frame. However, renewal activity has increased as the CBOs have trained staff and implemented the grant and full achievement of the Objective is projected in the first quarter of 2017.

The actual CBO allocations and performance measures are based upon the Family Resource Center (FRC) capacity, performance to date, and historical performance in assisting with CalFresh, Healthy Kids and Medi-Cal enrollments and re-enrollments. Although not specifically required of the performance objectives, these FRCs are located in high poverty areas and serve low and no income individuals, limited English proficiency individuals and those traditionally uninsured or underinsured for healthcare coverage. These locations are also strategic in their location and relationship with County Health Care Centers and other Federally Qualified Health Care Centers in Santa Barbara County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis: Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to accept this additional funding will continue the Department's efforts to assist Medi-Cal beneficiaries with re-enrollments. Additional funding in the amount of \$3,880 will be awarded to Community Based Organizations (CBO) to assist individuals with Medi-Cal re-enrollment. The remaining \$431 will be shared equally by PHD and SBCEO in a separate revised agreement to provide the CBO contract oversight, reporting and invoicing administration specified in the grant. Sufficient appropriation is available in the PHD's Adopted FY 2016-17 Budget, thus no Budget Revision Request is necessary for the unanticipated revenues and the appropriation for the CBOs and administrative activities.

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

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

- A. SB 18 Medi-Cal Re-enrollment Allocation Agreement
- B. Original SB 18 Medi-Cal Re-enrollment Allocation Agreement dated September 2, 2015

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