



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: 08-18-09  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Annual Report for the Syringe Exchange Program

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Receive the Annual Report for 2008-09 on *The Right Outfit* Syringe Exchange Program.

**Summary Text:**

As specified in the requirements for the ongoing authorization of a local syringe exchange program, an annual report must be presented at a public hearing. This annual report (see Attachment A) on the Pacific Pride Foundation, Inc. Syringe Exchange Program (aka *The Right Outfit*) is presented to the Board of Supervisors in response to this requirement.

**Background:**

On August 1, 2006 the Board of Supervisors authorized the ongoing approval for the Pacific Pride Foundation's *The Right Outfit* as specified in AB 547 (Berg). This authorization requires the submittal of an annual report for *The Right Outfit* in a public hearing. The annual report is provided as Attachment A to this Board Letter.

Pacific Pride Foundation distributes new hypodermic syringes to injection drug users in exchange for used syringes to help reduce the spread of HIV and other blood-borne diseases through the sharing of contaminated syringes. Pacific Pride Foundation staff keeps records regarding the number and characteristics of program participants, the number of syringes distributed and collected, and information, services, and referrals provided to participants. Pacific Pride Foundation staff worked with

the Public Health Department Epidemiology and HIV/AIDS Services Program staff to prepare the annual report included here as Attachment A.

Brief highlights of the data analysis contained in the annual report (Attachment A) are provided below:

- 610 individuals made 1,347 exchanges, of which 47% were in Santa Barbara and 53% were in Santa Maria.
- 80,100 contaminated needles were collected and properly disposed of, and 65,938 clean syringes were distributed.
- 77% of the program participants were male and 23% were female, with an average age of 38 years old.
- 60% of the SEP clients were White, 33% were Latino, 3% were Native American, 1% were African-American, and 1% were Asian Pacific Islander.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

This action does not increase the use of the General Fund contribution. Pacific Pride Foundation operates the Syringe Exchange Program and receives no County funding for Syringe Exchange.

The action does not result in the need for additional facilities.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
0

**FTEs:**  
0

**Special Instructions:**

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at [PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org)

**Attachments:**

*The Right Outfit* Syringe Exchange Program 2008-09 Annual Report.

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