



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: 3/3/09
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
Contact Info: Michele Mickiewicz, Deputy Director (681-5446)
SUBJECT: Transition of Dental Disease Prevention Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the Dental Disease Prevention Program, as follows:

- a) Approve transition of Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program to the Health Linkages Program of the County Education Office.
- b) Authorize the Public Health Department Director to approve and execute any amendments to Agreement 07-65129 that aligns with the termination of Public Health Departments participation in the Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program.

Summary Text:

The Public Health Department (PHD) has provided dental education in Santa Barbara County schools via the state-funded Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program (CDDPP) since the 1980s. This program provides dental education and supplies to students in qualifying schools in Santa Barbara County. In September 2008, the PHD contacted the State Department of Public Health indicating our desire to transfer the CDDPP contract to the County Education Office. The State has agreed to this transition and the County Education Office has submitted the documentation required by the State. With your Board's approval, this transition will move forward effective in March 2009.

There will be no change in services delivered to local schools. The contract will require the same services be provided. The CDDPP was staffed by 2 positions represented by SEIU Local 620. Both positions are .75 FTE Health Educators. One of the positions is currently vacant as the incumbent accepted a .5 FTE Health Educator position in the California Children Services Program effective 2/9/09. The other incumbent is a provisional appointment whose appointment will expire on 2/24/09.

The County Education Office has initiated an open recruitment process to hire staff to provide CDDPP services.

Background:

The Public Health Department has provided services in local schools through the Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program for over 20 years. The Health Linkages Program of the County Education Office currently provides oral health and nutrition education and services to lower income children. The work of CDDPP would be a good fit to these existing services and would provide for enhanced coordination of services. The County Education Office has strong relationships with local schools and because the services are classroom based, it provides for more efficient coordination. The County Education Office is in a good position to maintain the CDDPP program and ensure the services are well-coordinated with other dental services that are school-based. The CDDPP serves about 13,000 elementary school children each year.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts to the County as a result of this transition.

Staffing Impacts:

The program has 2 positions (1.5 FTE) in the CDDPP program. One position is vacant as the incumbent applied for and was selected for a part-time Health Educator position in the California Children Services Program. The other incumbent is a temporary appointment that will expire 2/24/09.

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Dental Disease Prevention Agreement 07-65129, Amendment 2

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