



**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: December 04, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
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: Dan Reid, HIV/AIDS Program Administrator (681-5421)
SUBJECT: Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) Agreement including enhancements for housing services as follows:

- a) Authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director to execute Agreement 07-065538 with the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS for the HOPWA program for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$443,661; and
- b) Authorize the Director of the Public Health Department to execute any amendments to the Agreement 07-65538 with the State for the HOPWA program for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 provided that any such amendments do not exceed the agreement amount by ten percent.

Summary Text:

Approving the recommendation for the expansion of the HOPWA Agreement will enhance existing housing services for this program for those infected or affected by HIV. The additional funding will:

- Provide needed support services and maintenance for the only hospice care facility (Sarah House) for HIV/AIDS clients in California between Los Angeles and San Francisco; and
- Provide for the development of additional housing services such as transitional case management and/or permanency housing placement; and

- Provide additional resources for administrative oversight for the program.

Background:

The Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Agreement funding is provided by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department through the State Office of AIDS to the Public Health Department (PHD) to prevent homelessness or assist those “at risk” of becoming homeless. The State Office of AIDS has allocated an additional \$62,982 (\$20,994 annually) over the three year agreement period for program enhancements.

The Public Health Department, working with technical consultants with HUD (AIDS Housing Washington) and through the local community planning advisory group, HIV Prevention and Care Council (HPCC), has developed a proposal to address defined housing needs for those infected or affected by HIV in the County. The proposal adopted by the Public Health Department from the HPCC is to:

- 1.) Increase the annual allocation for support of Sarah House by \$5,000 per year for a total of \$15,000 over the three year agreement period; and
- 2.) Develop long-term housing assistance program elements such as transitional case management and/or permanency housing placement assistance by providing \$5,000 in Fiscal Year 2007-08 for technical assistance from AIDS Housing Washington, HUD consultant for the HOPWA program; and
- 3.) Provide an additional \$9,526 for the first year and \$14, 526 in the two subsequent years of the current agreement for a total of \$38,578 over the entire agreement period to enhance transitional case management and permanency housing placement services; and
- 4.) Provide additional administrative oversight of these program enhancements by providing an additional \$1,458 per year for a total of \$4,404 over the entire agreement period.

Transitional case management is a key service to link People Living with HIV/AIDS to existing housing programs such as the Section 8 tenant-based or project-based rental assistance program. Permanency housing placement assistance provides funding for initial move-in costs such as security and/or utility deposits. Assistance is provided based upon application, client status and immediate need. Clients are provided information and applications for the program from all medical and social service providers in the continuum of care. Approximately 25% of HIV/AIDS clients reside in the north county area and the remaining clients reside in the south county area.

Performance Measure:

HOPWA performance indicators include number of households served to prevent homelessness and number of bed nights of hospice care provided. In Fiscal Year 2006-07, forty eight (48) households received temporary housing assistance such as rental or utility payment assistance, while over three hundred (300) bed nights of hospice care was provided for eight (8) clients. This proposal is to maintain the twenty-four hour hospice care and provide more resources to link HIV/AIDS clients into existing long-term housing programs such as the Section 8 tenant-based or project-based voucher program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

The HIV/AIDS HOPWA Agreement represents \$147,887 for each of the three years. For Fiscal Year 2007-08, the agreement was budgeted at \$126,893 in the HIV/AIDS Cost Center found on page D-192 of the County’s operating plan document. The award was higher than anticipated by \$20,994 or 16.5%.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The Public Health Department has been the fiscal agent for the HOPWA grant since 1996. As the fiscal agent, the department is entitled to no more than 7% of the total award for administrative costs. The remaining 93% is subcontracted to agencies to provide a variety of housing services, both short and long term and technical assistance. The \$20,994 in increased funding will be allocated using the same percentages.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of the Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8.

Attachments:

California Department of Public Health Agreement

Authored by:

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