



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: March 10, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD
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SUBJECT: Resolution to accept one-time funding from CenCal Health to support Diabetic Retinopathy Screening in Lompoc and Santa Maria

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a resolution to authorize the Director of Public Health to accept an award of \$13,945 as one-time funding from CenCal Health to support the Public Health Department's Diabetic Retinopathy Screening efforts in Lompoc and Santa Maria at its Health Care Centers.
- b) Approve budget revision request No. 0006809 (Attachment B) for acceptance of \$13,945 from CenCal Health to support Diabetic Retinopathy Screening at Lompoc and Santa Maria Health Care Centers.
- c) Determine that the recommended action is not a "Project" with the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and is exempt per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(5), since the recommended action is an organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda to authorize the Director of Public Health to accept an award of \$13,945 as a one-time funding opportunity to support the Public Health Department's Diabetic Retinopathy Screening efforts in Lompoc and Santa Maria at its Health Care Centers. The Public Health Department will be using the funds to facilitate the ongoing service in Lompoc and support the implementation and training costs at the Santa Maria Health Care Center. The Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Program

already provides much needed screening services to the diabetic population in Lompoc offering 182 patient visits per year.

Background:

Diabetic retinopathy is an eye problem that affects people with diabetes and can lead to vision loss and blindness. It is most common in people who are not in good control their blood sugar levels. In people with diabetes, high blood sugar damages the walls of the small blood vessels in the eye, altering their structure and function. These vessels may thicken, leak, develop clots, close off, or grow balloon-like defects called microaneurysms. Most people with diabetic retinopathy have no symptoms until the disease is very advanced. By then, it is usually too late to do anything about the vision loss. With early screening, doctors can take steps to protect the eyes before vision is damaged.

Digital retinal imaging is a test that can be conducted in primary care settings. The Lompoc Health Care Center has been providing this service since 2017. For this test, a medical assistant takes pictures of the eye with a special camera. The images are then sent to an outside eye specialist, who checks for disease. CenCal Health has appreciated the success of the program in Lompoc and has expressed one-time support for the project in Lompoc and expansion in Santa Maria to address the high volume of their Medi-Cal members who need this service. CenCal Health has committed \$13,945 to support expenses including the camera rental, the review of the images by the eye specialist and the training of staff in Santa Maria.

Performance Measure:

The PHD will provide a statistical report to CenCal detailing the success of the project upon completion of the first year of service in Santa Maria.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

The County would receive one-time funding of \$13,945 to support the ongoing project in Lompoc and to facilitate training and implementation at its Santa Maria Health Care Center. These funds will be used for extra help staffing to provide backup coverage for Medical Assistant staff who will be trained in the technology, as well as, fees for the camera rental and eye specialist.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) Resolutions and retain one (1) executed Resolution and a certified copy of the Minute Order for pickup by PHD. Please email PHDCU@SBCPHD.ORG when the documents are ready.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution to accept funding from CenCal Health
- B. Budget Revision Request (BJE #0006809)

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