



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: September 1, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer,
Director Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Department of Health Care Services and California Endowment Medi-Cal 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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an 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, 2016 in the amount of \$179,992.00.
- b) Authorize the Public Health Department Director or designee, in collaboration with County Education Office, to recruit local Community Based Organizations that provide healthcare coverage assistance and to execute agreements with Community Based Organizations as subrecipients of funding under this grant to assist with Medi-Cal re-enrollment activities.
- c) Approve budget revisions request No. 0004177 to establish appropriations of \$179,992.00 in the Public Health Department's General Fund for Medi-Cal re-enrollment assistance.
- d) 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 Chair to sign an Agreement and accept an award from the California Department of Health Care Services and the California Endowment, and for the Public Health Department (PHD) Director to enter agreements with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) under the grant. 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, 2016) and ninety percent (90%) of the funding must be provided to CBOs to ensure community collaborations.

Background:

Senate Bill (SB) 18 provides counties and CBOs funding to assist current Medi-Cal beneficiaries in renewing their coverage in years 2015 and 2016. In compliance with the newly mandated Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Medi-Cal renewal process and forms have changed. Beneficiaries that had Medi-Cal pre-ACA or are new to Medi-Cal could benefit from renewal assistance. The funds allocated under this allocation shall be used only for Medi-Cal renewal assistance activities and may supplement, but shall not supplant, existing local, state, and foundation funding of county renewal assistance activities.

Since October 2013, the Public Health Department, working with the County Department of Social Services and associated partners have assisted more than 12,400 individuals and enrolled more than 5,900 individuals in health care coverage under the ACA. In addition, more than 120 individuals have been assisted with coverage renewals.

To ensure that Medi-Cal beneficiaries retain their coverage, SB 18 provides funding to assist Medi-Cal beneficiaries with the re-enrollment process. Although this project period is retroactive to January 1, 2015, this award was not offered to the Public Health Department until March of 2015 and only planning activities have taken place to determine the most effective means to assist Medi-Cal re-enrollments under the grant requirements.

The Public Health Department works closely with the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO), Department of Social Services, and Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services to assist individuals with enrollment in health care coverage and ensuring integrated services for patients across multiple Departments. Currently the Department of Social Services performs all Medi-Cal re-enrollments in coordination with the State Department of Health Care Services. Because PHD was funded through a similar Health Care Coverage Outreach and Enrollment grant (SB 82) this SB 18 funding is being offered specifically to Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.

The SBCEO works closely with several Community Based Organizations known as Family Resource Centers (FRCs) that assist families in getting access to programs such as CalFresh, Healthy Kids and Medi-Cal. FRCs are located in key areas of the County to assist these families. PHD has enlisted the support of the SBCEO with the recruitment and execution of agreements with 5 strategically located FRCs to provide countywide coverage:

- Family Service Agency (Lompoc and Santa Barbara)
- Santa Maria Healthy Start/Santa Maria Youth and Family Center
- Isla Vista Youth Project (Isla Vista and Goleta)
- Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People
- Guadalupe Family Resource Center - Kids Come First Foundation

The SB 18 funding is a mixture of foundation and federal award funding. Ninety percent (90%) of the funding must be passed through to Community Based Organizations as subrecipients of the grant. After approval and acceptance of the grant by the Chair, PHD and SBCEO will enter into an agreement to jointly share the administration requirements and will therefore equally share the ten percent (10%) of the grant funding that can be used for administrative support.

Performance Measure:

The Performance Objectives for this grant include additional Medi-Cal re-enrollment assistance for approximately 1,100 individual residents of Santa Barbara County. The actual CBO allocations and performance measures are based upon the FRC capacity 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.

This funding requires that 90% be awarded to appropriate CBO partners to achieve the objectives of assisting and re-enrolling Medi-Cal eligible clients in the county.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis: Approving and authorizing the Chair to accept this Funding Grant on behalf of the Public Health Department will provide funding for the Department's efforts to assist Medi-Cal beneficiaries with re-enrollments. Funding in the amount of \$161,993 will be awarded to Community Based Organizations (CBO) to assist individuals with Medi-Cal re-enrollment. The remaining \$17,999 will be shared equally by PHD and SBCEO in a separate agreement to provide the CBO contract oversight, reporting and invoicing administration specified in the grant. Although the funding period has started as of January 1, 2015 in Fiscal Year 2014-15, due to coordination with CBOs and the full development of work plan tasks and activities, none of the grant was expended in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and no performance has occurred to date; although it is expected that it will be entirely expended in the remainder of Fiscal Year 2015-16. Budget Revision Request will amend the Fiscal Year 2015-16 PHD Adopted Budget 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 sign two (2) original SB 18 Medi-Cal Re-enrollment Allocation Agreements and return one (1) original Agreement and an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

SB 18 Medi-Cal Re-enrollment Allocation Agreement

Budget Revision Request No. 0004177

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