



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: November 02, 2010  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer,  
Director Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT: Blue Shield of California Foundation Grant Agreement**

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director to execute a Grant Agreement for the support of the **2010 County Coverage Expansion Planning** project in the amount of \$80,000 from Blue Shield of California Foundation for the period of September 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011.

**Summary Text:**

This new one-time grant from Blue Shield of California Foundation ("Foundation") has been awarded to the Public Health Department to support the 2010 County Coverage Expansion Planning project for the six month period of September 1, 2010 to March 1, 2011.

Funds provided under this grant will be used:

- for planning efforts that will enable Santa Barbara County to create a local Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI);
- as a catalyst for implementing early Health Care Reform through the Section 1115 Medi-Cal waiver; and
- to create an expanded organized system of care for vulnerable populations.

The key objectives, as set forth by the Foundation, are:

1. By January 1, 2011, retain Health Management Associates (HMA), a California experienced health care consulting firm to assess the existing Santa Barbara County's medically indigent program.

2. Receive consultant recommendations for improving the existing care delivery system, establishing a medical home for system enrollees, and planning for an HCCI.
3. By March 1, 2011, integrate the consultant recommendations into the County's application to the California Department of Health Care Services to create a local HCCI.

**Background:**

The State of California has been developing legislation and systems to adopt "early health care reform". The State has expressed a desire to implement Health Care Coverage Initiatives (HCCIs) as a means to create the capacity to treat more patients who have not previously had access to insurance coverage or health care. The state will offer leveraged federal funding to supplement existing Santa Barbara County MIA funding to achieve this expansion. This HCCI is to start in July 2011, well before the federal government's plan for 2014.

The Public Health Department (PHD) has administered the Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) Program since 1983. Most of the MIA program technologies and elements remain the same since inception and are in critical need a more contemporary set of policies and protocols. The PHD is confident of its ability to care for the increased number of patients with improved MIA program efficiencies and the additional leveraged federal funding.

As this is a countywide initiative, the PHD will work closely with its community health care partners, including: Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Marian Medical Center, Lompoc Valley Medical Center, Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, and CenCal Health. Over the next four years this network of partners will provide the necessary client access, financial, and information management systems, to offer a comprehensive health care delivery system for approximately 25,000 more patients.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Approving and authorizing the Public Health Director to execute acceptance of this Grant will provide the funding for the Department's preliminary planning efforts in the assessment of readiness for the HCCI. The grant amount of \$80,000 will provide for the engagement of the consultants (\$75,000) and for the travel of key planning personnel to three other counties that are already engaged in their own HCCIs to learn best practices (\$5,000).

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

**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:**

Blue Shield of California Foundation Grant Agreement #432517

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