

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Community Health, Clinics, and Animal Services Division

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Mark Starr, D.V.M., M.P.V.M., Director of Community Health, Clinics, and Animal Services

DATE: December 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Planning Grant from Blue Shield of California Foundation

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to take the following actions:

- a. Approve a grant from the Blue Shield of California Foundation in the amount of \$108,000 for the period September 1, 2010 to September 1, 2011 to support County coverage planning efforts to identify healthcare reform opportunities, and authorize the Director of Health & Human Services to sign the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments, and
- b. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign a consultant services agreement with Pacific Health Consulting Group in an amount not to exceed \$64,000 for analysis services as required components of this grant, contingent upon prior approval by Risk Management and County Counsel.

These funds are not included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Final Budget, but will be included in a mid-year budget revision in the amount of \$90,000, with the remainder to be included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Budget. No County General Fund match is required.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County is mandated by the State to provide health care to eligible low-income adults, also known as medically indigent adults (MIA). To meet this mandate, the Placer County Community Clinic provides primary healthcare to 3,000 County MIA residents annually through the County-funded Medical Care Services Program (MCSP). On average 1,350 visits are provided to eligible patients each month, which is more than a 50 percent increase compared to early 2008 due to the economic downturn.

Medi-Cal coverage for these patients is scheduled to begin in January 2014 under the recent federal healthcare reform legislation. However, last summer California requested a waiver from the federal government to facilitate incremental implementation of extending Medi-Cal coverage to low income adults prior to 2014. California's request was approved in November and Placer County is analyzing strategic opportunities to participate in this waiver.

Placer County has been awarded a grant from the Blue Shield of California Foundation to allow Health and Human Services (HHS) to evaluate federal health reform impacts, determine how coverage might be modified to maximize leverage of funding, and build on community networks. Pacific Health Consulting Group will be retained to conduct an in-depth evaluation of the fiscal and community impact of potential participation by Placer County, involving subject experts and gaining input from stakeholders including our non-profit partners throughout the County. The resulting HHS plan for healthcare services for our most vulnerable populations will address community needs, involve stakeholders in planning, and will include alternative service models and fiscal impact analyses.

This grant-funded project provides a unique opportunity to determine if Federal funds can be used before 2014 to create fiscally sustainable health care services for low income individuals currently without health insurance. Placer County residents in need of health care, and the County as a whole, stand to benefit from the healthier and more productive community that could result from this effort.

Pacific Health Consulting Group provides management consulting and financial services to public sector safety net health care organizations. They have the unique position of having worked with many counties, including Placer County, on the development of new products for the uninsured. Previously Pacific Health Consulting Group has worked with Orange County, Santa Clara County, San Mateo County, and Alameda County on the development of the original Health Care Coverage Initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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This grant is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

BUDGET REVISION

PAS DOCUMENT NO.

POST DATE:

DEPT NO.	DOC TYPE	Total \$ Amount	TOTAL LINES
14	BR	216,000.00	7

Cash Transfer Required

Reserve Cancellation Required

Establish Reserve Required

Auditor-Controller

County Executive

Board of Supervisors

ESTIMATED REVENUE ADJUSTMENT										APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT											
DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT	DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT
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TOTAL										TOTAL											
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REASON FOR REVISION: To increase revenues and expenditures in the Community Health division due to the receipt of a Grant to evaluate the impact of healthcare reform on Placer County.

Prepared by Stan Hapak Ext x-1841
 Department Head
 Board of Supervisors _____

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