

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Public Health

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Robert L. Oldham M.D., M.S.H.A, Director of Public Health

DATE: December 8, 2015

SUBJECT: Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program Agreement with the California Department of Public Health

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a revenue agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the prevention and control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the amount of \$53,136 for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the contract amount, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work.
2. Approve a contract with Nevada County to pass through funding from CDPH for the prevention and control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the amount of \$9,480 for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the contract amount, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND:

Under the California Code of Regulations, Title 17 and California Health and Safety Code, the Local Health Officer is required take numerous actions to investigate cases of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), to immediately report all cases of STDs to the California Department of Public Health, and to take all available measures to ascertain infection source and to prevent transmission of STDs.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) contracts with the Placer County Department of Health and Human Services (PCDHHS), Public Health Division, to implement evidence-based public health activities to proactively address Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) within Placer County. Under this contract, particular emphasis is placed on the prevention and control of infectious syphilis, congenital syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia trachomatis infections.

The scope of work for this agreement includes: implementation of case-based surveillance; assurance of timely access to quality clinical services; verification of appropriate STD treatment; investigation of reported cases, unusual diseases, or outbreaks; identification of a STD patient's sexual and social network contacts and referral for examination and/or treatment to prevent further disease transmission or complications; and health education and health promotion activities to prevent STDs and enhance awareness of individuals at risk for STD, medical providers, and other service providers within the community. In addition, under this agreement, PCDHHS must adhere to all data security standards and guidelines in accordance with state and federal guidance and must provide case-based data to CDPH through the use of the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE).

The revenue under this agreement pays for a very small portion of the total time Public Health Division staff spend working on STD prevention and control each year. The remainder of staff time and expenses dedicated to STD prevention and control are paid out of 1991 Public Health Realignment funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The agreement with CDPH reimburses Placer County \$10,785 per year in personnel costs and \$129 per year in other operating expenses, totaling \$43,656 over the four year term of the agreement. In addition, Placer County has been asked to accept \$2,370 per year (totaling \$9,480 over the four year term of the agreement) from CDPH on behalf of Nevada County and pass through the money through an expenditure agreement. Thus, the total revenue to be received through this agreement is \$53,136, with \$13,284 for the first year included in the Department's FY 2015-16 Final Budget. The remaining amount will be included in the Department's Requested Budget for future years. No county General Fund match is required.

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