

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Environmental Health, Public Health, and Animal Services

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Wesley Nicks, REHS, Director of Environmental Health, Public Health, and Animal Services

DATE: January 8, 2013

SUBJECT: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve the agreement with the California Department of Public Health for the Public Health Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$963,002 (No net County cost), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments;
2. Sign the required Certification Regarding Lobbying and the Non-Supplantation Certification Forms;
3. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent contract amendments to the Comprehensive Agreement and periodic certifications of the County's compliance with the non-supplantation requirements; and
4. Approve a maximum payment authorization ("umbrella contract") with six Hospital Preparedness Program Partners for public health emergency preparedness, response and recovery services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contracts, add any new, qualified providers, and enter into contract amendments consistent with the current subject matter and scope of work. (No net County cost.)

BACKGROUND:

Placer County has been receiving Federal and State funds, awarded by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), for the County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program since 2002. The 2012-13 Comprehensive Agreement recently received from the State begins the second year of a five year grant cycle and is retroactive to July 1, 2012. This funding will enable the County to address 15 public health preparedness capabilities, identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as critical components of the new national standards for State and local preparedness planning. Examples include Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigations, Laboratory Testing, Emergency Operations Coordination, Public Information and Warnings, Community Preparedness, and Distribution of Medical Supplies.

In 2011-12, PHEP funding supported numerous Placer County accomplishments. Health alert systems were improved to better inform local, regional, and State stakeholders during public health emergencies. Emergency response plans were further developed to better address mass shelters, medical countermeasure dispensing, and operation center functions. Hospital Preparedness Program partners developed and exercised a new patient tracking system to better track patients from the field to the hospital during large-scale emergencies. The Public Health Laboratory developed its capacity to quickly identify threats to the public's health. PHEP staff led the coordination of 100+ volunteers for the countywide May 2012 Mass Casualty Incident exercise. PHEP staff was instrumental in the coordination of medically fragile evacuee support in both the 2011 Lincoln Propane Fire and the 2012 Robbers Fire. The PHEP program has strong emergency preparedness and response partnerships with Human Services (mass sheltering), Adult System of Care (psychological first aid), Facility Services (medical countermeasure warehousing), Public Works (medical countermeasure distribution), Sheriff's Office (security planning for points of dispensing), and the Office of Emergency Services (plans, protocols and resource sharing).

Placer County's Federal funding for the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP), received since 2003, focuses on helping all healthcare facilities meet Federal and State response standards for natural and manmade disaster events. Through this program, healthcare facilities have increased their disaster management capacity and capability. PHEP works collaboratively with the HPP subcontractors to create an integrated emergency response plan, assist in the purchase of equipment, and provide critical training. These costs, along with administration and overhead, are reimbursed from Federal funds. The current HPP subcontracted partners are listed in Attachment A. All partners support the use of the available dollars and recommended allocations.

In order to maximize the use of the funding provided to the partnering agencies involved in the HPP, an umbrella contract is being utilized. The umbrella contract approach provides the County flexibility to add qualified partners and adjust appropriate trainings, supply purchases, and related services when they are needed, within the funding limits authorized by the Board.

As required by Health and Safety Code Section 101317, the County needs to sign two non-supplantation certifications: one submitted with the contract and signed by the Board Chair, and one with signature authority delegated by the Board and submitted with progress and expenditure reports.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total award amount is \$963,002, with \$120,000 of this award being paid to the HPP subcontractors. These revenues and expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Final Budget. No County General Fund match is required.

The Public Health Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement and the Hospital Preparedness Program Partner Agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

Attachments

Attachment A – Public Health Emergency Response and Recovery Services Partners

Attachment A

Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 8, 2013
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Public Health Emergency Response and Recovery Services Partners Effective July 1, 2012

American Medical Response West, Sacramento
Auburn Ravine Terrace, Auburn
Chapa-De Indian Health Program, Auburn
Kaiser Permanente Roseville Medical Center, Roseville
Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, Auburn
Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Roseville

