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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: April 27, 2021

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Whole Person Care Program

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an amendment to a revenue agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services to continue the Whole Person Care Program extending the agreement to June 30, 2022 and increasing grant funding by \$4,025,258 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments not to exceed \$100,000 consistent with the contract's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County Whole Person Care (WPC) program is a five-year pilot program that was originally scheduled to run through December 31, 2020. The California WPC programs were scheduled to transition to funding under California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Initiative beginning January 1, 2021, but the Covid pandemic has delayed that transition for one year. In the interim, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved a 12-month extension of WPC programs until CalAIM begins.

The Placer County Whole Person Care program is widely recognized as one of the most successful programs in the state for some of the following reasons:

- Placer WPC was one of the first programs in the state to start enrolling and serving people within only a few months of the contract's original approval.
- Over 180 people have been placed in permanent housing since the program inception, thus dramatically reducing the problem of chronic homelessness in Placer County.
- The program has won a NACo (National Association of Counties) award and a prestigious CSAC (California Association of Counties) Challenge Award.
- The program is a data driven program that is required to meet various outcomes measurements regarding program quality and all of those metrics have been met.
- Placer WPC has purchased six homes that are being used for Permanent Supportive Housing and which house 37 formerly homeless individuals at any given time.

In addition to the items described above, Placer WPC is a collaborative program that works to get community partners and County programs to work together more effectively. Some examples of this are the following:

- WPC has contracted with The Gathering Inn to provide medical respite services for homeless individuals who are too ill to be on the street or in a homeless shelter, but who are not sick enough to be in the hospital. This program greatly reduces hospital recidivism and frees up hospital beds for other people.
- WPC has contracted with AMI Housing and The Gathering Inn to provide permanent supportive housing services.
- WPC has received \$2,000,000 in grants from Sutter Health and over \$1,300,000 in one-time grant funding from the state. These grants were both used to purchase additional housing for Placer County residents who had been homeless before moving into these homes.
- WPC staff have participated in providing support to Public Health for the Covid-19 pandemic response.

- WPC works closely with multiple county programs and community partners to ensure that shared clients are getting the best possible services. Important relationships have been developed and continue with HHS Adult System of Care (ASOC), City of Roseville, HHS Human Services, HRCS (Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras), Sutter Health, The Gathering Inn, AMI Housing, and many others.
- WPC has helped Placer County move forward in important data sharing including the use of PreManage, a platform that allows WPC and ASOC staff to be notified immediately when any of our clients go to a local emergency room.

The current item allows the HHS Director to sign an amendment to continue Whole Person Care through the end of 2021 until funding switches to the new CalAIM proposal begins on January 1, 2022. CalAIM will be administered through the managed care plans and HHS is working collaboratively with the local managed care plans in order to have a seamless transition.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for WPC is 50% Federal and 50% other revenue and requires no additional County General Fund match.

The Award Letter and Agreement are on file with the Clerk of the Board.