



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: April 27, 2021

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

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccine Navigation and Appointment Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize an umbrella agreement to provide COVID-19 vaccine navigation and appointment services by an identified list of providers from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022 in a maximum aggregate amount not to exceed \$400,000, approve the provider list and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services, or designee, to amend the list of providers as necessary so long as amendments are included in the following years' list if needed, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreements with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Many Placer residents are challenged to make COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Beyond the limited supply that all eligible residents have faced, some lack stable internet access needed to schedule online appointments. Others have trouble navigating the maze of available vaccine providers. Others still face linguistic barriers that prevent them from scheduling appointments.

Consistent with Placer County's enduring commitment to making COVID-19-related equity investments to disadvantaged populations, Health and Human Services has cultivated a growing network of community-based agencies who in turn have helped residents (e.g., older adults, people living in Healthy Places Index lowest quartile locations) experiencing the most difficulty making COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Beyond general promotion of the COVID-19 vaccine, these organizations have made appointments on behalf of less advantaged residents, sent them reminders for first and second dose appointments, and, in some cases, have arranged transportation options to get to and from vaccination sites.

To formalize this growing body of work and ensure that all residents who want a vaccine can receive one, Health and Human Services through funds received by the California Department of Public Health's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion Funding, and which totals \$12,177, 694 will engage ten agencies under the umbrella agreement and provide vaccine navigation services, including making online appointments on behalf of clients and community members they serve. Each agency will sign an agreement with Health and Human Services through January 31, 2022. Other community-based agencies wishing to join the umbrella agreement may also be added via agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

FISCAL IMPACT

These services are fully funded using the California Department of Public Health's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion Funding. No County General Funds are required.

The agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Attachment A

Providers for COVID-19 Vaccine Navigation and Appointment Services

1. Evangelista Community Relations
2. KidsFirst
3. Latino Leadership Council
4. Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center
5. Placer Independent Resource Services
6. Project GO, Inc.
7. Seniors First
8. Sierra Community House
9. Sierra Native Alliance