

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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DATE: January 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Public Health Preparedness Program's Hospital Preparedness Subcontracts

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve ten Public Health Preparedness subcontracts for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with American Medical Response West (\$9,265), Chapa-De Indian Health Program (\$7,401), Colonial Healthcare Center (\$6,785), Betty J. Goetsch (\$12,866), Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (\$14,314), Siena Care Center (\$6,741), Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital (\$12,930), Sutter Roseville Medical Center (\$14,715.50), Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS Agency (\$6,500), and Susan M. Webb (\$12,866) for an aggregate total of \$104,383.50, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign these subcontracts and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the original amounts.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County has received Federal funding for the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) since 2003. The focus of the HPP is on helping all healthcare facilities--including acute care, sub-acute care, long term care, community clinics, and allied healthcare services--meet Federal and State minimal readiness standards to respond to natural and manmade disaster events. Through this program, healthcare facilities have increased disaster management capacity and capability. Health and Human Services works collaboratively with the HPP subcontractors to create an integrated emergency response plan, assist in purchase of equipment, and provide critical training. These costs, along with administration and overhead, are reimbursed from Federal funds.

During the 2009-10 project year, the HPP was able to purchase and locate ventilators and supplies at the major hospitals in our region to support emergency response preparedness. These items will support patient care during a large scale public health emergency that compromises hospital bed capacity. In addition, HPP held successful exercises and drills with partners to test communication systems and incident command methods during public health emergencies. There were six subcontracts for a total of \$135,655 during the 2009-10 year.

During FY 2010-11, the program will continue to improve capacity, including partnerships with additional long term care facilities. The HPP will also be testing new patient tracking equipment and working with the local transit agencies to develop a transportation plan for vulnerable populations during a disaster. At the end of the contract period, at least seven long term care facilities will have Emergency Operations Plans that meet HPP standards and that are coordinated with County plans, and their infection control capabilities will be improved as part of enhancing their capacity to serve as alternate care sites during a medical surge event. All partners, especially hospitals, will have improved capabilities to handle evacuation, shelter-in-place, and medical surge scenarios in support of the County when needed. In addition, a large-scale exercise will be conducted with all participating health care facilities in order to assess and demonstrate evacuation, transportation, communications and tracking of patients during a disaster or surge situation while assuring appropriate medical care.

State approval has just been received for these services, allowing your Board to now approve these subcontracts.

These subcontracts are for the purchase of professional services and may be exempt from competitive solicitation in accordance with Purchasing Policy Section 1.3(a).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Subcontracts total \$104,383.50 and are funded with 100 percent Federal funds, which are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Final Budget. No County General Fund contribution is required. The total subcontract amount is decreased from the FY 2009-10 amount of \$135,655 due to changing priorities for HPP funds. However, the total yearly HPP funding for the County has remained essentially stable over the last five years, decreasing only 0.6% over that time period (from \$259,422 in FY 2006-07 to \$257,807 in FY 2010-11).

These subcontracts are on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review.