

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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DATE: June 21, 2011

SUBJECT: State Consolidated Agreement Funding County Public Health Programs

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a consolidated revenue agreement #10-95231 with the California Department of Public Health for various public health services in the amount of \$2,597,244 for the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013; and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) contracts with counties for a wide range of public health and children's services. Prior to July 2002, all counties had a separate contract with the State for more than a dozen programs. Each of these programs had different administrative requirements, specialized activities, and reporting forms necessitating significant time from staff to process these documents while adhering to multiple, sometimes conflicting, requirements. The categorical nature of these agreements limited the ability of staff to comprehensively address the needs of the community and clients. Any changes in these agreements required amendments, budget revisions, and Board approvals. With the passage of Placer County's unique blended services pilot program in 2002, each of the separate contracts were bundled into one Consolidated Contract, reducing administrative inefficiencies while creating local flexibility to best meet community needs. This authority was recently extended for an additional five years through the passage of AB 1766 in September 2010.

Since 2002, the Tobacco Prevention Program and the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program have been a part of Placer County's Consolidated Contract with the California Department of Public Health. However, in April 2011 the State required that these programs be moved out of the Consolidated Contract and into traditional State-to-County Agreements. The State has been holding up approval of Placer's Consolidated Contract because the fiscal processes of these programs were not consistent with the other programs in the Consolidated Contract. Moving the programs out of the Consolidated Contract will limit the administrative efficiencies the County enjoys through their inclusion, but not doing so jeopardizes the entire consolidated agreement.

This funding will benefit all residents of Placer County by ensuring: the transmission of communicable diseases, including tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, is reduced; protection from influenza and other diseases is provided through immunizations; assistance to families in need of medical care is provided; healthier birth outcomes are achieved as a result of public health nursing support; local physicians have the most current recommendations on the prevention and treatment of vaccine-preventable diseases, and important public health information is shared, such as measures families can take to avoid lead poisoning.

This one-of-a-kind integrative approach spares unnecessary administrative and reporting activities and empowers public health staff to deliver health care services to residents in a comprehensive and cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Revenue of \$868,748 and a required County General Fund match of \$344,827 are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Final Budget. This reflects \$14,031 less revenue and \$2,746 decreased required County match compared to the prior fiscal year. The balance of this three-year revenue agreement, and the associated County General Fund match, will be budgeted in the Department's FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 Base Budgets.

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