



AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-20

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: June 27, 2017

Date: May 22, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *MS for Connie Beck*
Department of Health and Human Services – Public Health

Subject: Letter of Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services and Partnership HealthPlan of California for the North Coast AIDS Project Mobile Outreach Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Letter of Agreement between Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)– Public Health and Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) to receive the North Coast AIDS Project (NorCAP) Mobile Outreach Program sustainability funds in the amount of \$50,000 (Attachment A);
2. Authorize the Director of Public Health or designee to sign three (3) originals of the signature page of the Letter of Agreement;
3. Authorize the Director of Public Health or designee to approve all future amendments to the PHC NorCAP Mobile Outreach Program grant agreement upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) copy of the certified board report to the DHHS– Contract Unit.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Funds

Prepared by Karen Baker, Administrative Analyst

CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel *JW* Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-9

Meeting of: 6/9/15

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Sundberg* Seconded by Supervisor *Fennell*

Ayes *Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn*

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent *Wilson*

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: June 27, 2017

By: *[Signature]*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

On December 8, 2014, PHC issued a Request for Proposal to develop local projects that would improve access to health care services in the PHC regions. DHHS-Public Health's NorCAP applied for and was awarded these funds to assist Medi-Cal eligible groups that are vulnerable to hepatitis C, opiate overdose and HIV. On December 2, 2016 NorCAP requested and PHC's board approved additional funds for sustainability of the project.

These PHC grant funds will be used to support NorCAP's Mobile Outreach Program. Specifically, the grant will support providing hepatitis C testing, provide naloxone (an opioid overdose reversal drug) for overdose prevention, and link all uninsured eligible persons to PHC/Medi-Cal and to medical providers and specialty services for intravenous drug users and the homeless. These services will be provided by Community Health Outreach Workers via our mobile outreach van which travels no less than monthly on a regular schedule to communities as far north as Orick, south to Garberville, east to Hoopa and multiple locations in between. This approach is known to establish rapport with marginalized groups of community members and provides a door to needed supports when individuals are ready to receive them.

Therefore DHHS requests the Board approve the Letter of Agreement with PHC in the amount of \$50,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the Letter of Agreement for the NorCAP Mobile Outreach Grant will allow DHHS-Public Health to be reimbursed a maximum of \$50,000 for grant expenditures over the period beginning July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The notification of grant award was received too late to include in the FY 17-18 budget process; the department will request to supplement the budget in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 437, Care NorCAP after the FY 17-18 budget has been adopted by the Board. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Approval of the Letter of Agreement will support the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

If the Board chooses not to approve the recommendations, it will result in a loss of both funding and services to the county.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1: Letter of Agreement between Partnership HealthPlan of California and the Department of Health and Human Services for NorCAP Mobile Outreach Program

Letter of Agreement
Between
Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC)
and
Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services
For
NorCAP Mobile Outreach Program

WHEREAS, on December, 2, 2016, Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) Board of Directors approved for a one-time strategic use of reserves to support the sustainability of the NorCAP Mobile Outreach Program (the Program); and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Program is to prevent HIV, hepatitis C virus (HCV), and accidental overdose, by providing health education, harm reduction services, and linkages to medical care to marginalized individuals, and those who may be unserved, underserved, and or inappropriately served; and

WHEREAS, PHC has committed to fund \$50,000 for the sustainability of this Project.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services will complete the scope of work for the Project, attached hereto as Attachment A.
2. PHC will pay the agreed upon funds of \$50,000 in the following installments:
 - \$25,000 at time of execution of this Letter of Agreement
 - \$25,000 upon receipt of the final narrative
3. Upon completion of the term project set forth in Exhibit A- Scope of Work, Humboldt County will provide PHC with a final narrative report summarizing all aspects of the Project.
4. That formalization of this Letter of Agreement shall be sufficient for PHC to issue the funds detailed above.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have acknowledged and agreed to the terms of this Letter of Agreement and its Attachments:

PARTNERSHIP HEALTHPLAN OF CALIFORNIA

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Signature

Signature

Title

Title

Date

Date

Exhibit A
Scope of Work
North Coast AIDS Project

Program Goals

The goal of NorCAP's Mobile Outreach Program ("the Program") is to prevent HIV, hepatitis C virus (HCV), and accidental overdose by providing health education, harm reduction services, testing and linkages to medical care to marginalized individuals, and those who may be unserved, underserved, and/or inappropriately served. We will also work with the Humboldt County epidemiologist and communicable disease department to address critical data gaps and improve viral hepatitis prevention services.

From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 the Program will:

Provide outreach to Injection Drug Users (IDU) and others vulnerable for HCV:

- Provide overdose reversal and HCV prevention education to 1,000 unduplicated individuals;
- Distribute 300 Narcan Kits to IDU;
- Provide 300 HCV tests to IDU and identify persons infected with viral hepatitis early in the course of their disease; and
- Provide HCV Treatment Navigation to individuals who have a reactive HCV test, and improve access to treatment for persons infected with HCV.

Provide outreach to medical providers and front-line medical staff:

- Identify medical providers that regularly care for those at risk for HCV;
- Develop and implement a provider survey to assess knowledge, interest, and barriers to providing HCV treatment;
- Develop a hepatitis action plan for expanding provider HCV treatment; and
- Develop a provider tool kit for HCV treatment and distribute to 5 PCP.

Coordinate, Monitor and Report:

- Decrease health disparities by partnering with and educating priority populations and their communities about viral hepatitis and the benefits of available prevention, care and treatment;
- Improve access to care and the delivery of culturally competent and linguistically appropriate viral hepatitis prevention and care services; and
- Regularly report on progress toward achieving the goals of the hepatitis action plan