



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-13

For the meeting of: June 13, 2017

Date: May 15, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

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

Subject: Agreement 16-93571 with Department of Health Care Services for the Local Dental Pilot Project

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Local Dental Pilot Project grant agreement 16-93571 with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020;
2. Authorize the Director of Public Health to sign three (3) original signature pages of the agreement and the Exhibit A: HIPAA Business Associate Addendum; and
3. Authorize the Director of Public Health or designee to sign future amendments or budget revisions directly related to this agreement upon review and approval of County Counsel and Risk Management.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Funds.

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CAO Approval *E. Schmitt*

REVIEW:

Auditor *W. B. M.*

County Counsel *J. N.*

Human Resources *K. M.*

Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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

Ayes *Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson*

Nays

Abstain

Absent

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

Dated: *June 13, 2017*

By: *Kathy Hayes*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

Humboldt County has been a leader in addressing children's oral health since the early 2000s. In May 2013, the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) - Public Health and First 5 Humboldt assembled a Pediatric Oral Health Initiative Leadership Team (POHILT) comprised of community partners representing clinics, nonprofits, schools, and dentists to assist in the successful implementation of the goals outlined in a Pediatric Oral Health Initiative.

POHILT conducted a local needs assessment, which revealed that more than 30% of students in seven school districts within Humboldt County had untreated decay, and two districts had more than 50% of students with untreated decay. Also discovered were geographic clusters of high decay, particularly in areas where there were high percentages of students enrolled in free and/or reduced lunch programs. Findings also showed high rates of untreated decay in remote areas. The emphasis of the Pediatric Oral Health Initiative is to begin to focus on improving access to dental services for those at highest risk, creating a culture shift about the importance of preventive care through outreach and education, and strengthening the networks between new and current partners in Humboldt County and with other organizations at a state and national level.

DHHS-Public Health was recently awarded a four year grant in the amount of \$3,808,932 from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to serve as a Local Dental Pilot Project (LDPP) as part of a statewide Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI). The DTI represents a critical mechanism to improve dental health for Medi-Cal children by focusing on high-value care, improved access, and utilization of performance measures to drive delivery system reform. More specifically, this strategy aims to increase the use of preventive dental services for children, prevent and treat more early childhood caries, and increase continuity of care for children. California views improvements in dental care as critical to achieving overall better health outcomes for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, particularly children. Agreement 16-93571 will allow DHHS-Public Health to participate in the LDPP.

The intent of the LDPP in Humboldt County is to identify and serve children 0-12 at high risk for dental disease while providing intensive case management and prevention-based services throughout the county. The LDPP will serve children currently enrolled in Medi-Cal with a prioritized focus on the following populations:

- 1) Children ages 0-12
- 2) Children residing within tribal communities
- 3) Children residing in remote geographic regions of the county

Humboldt County's LDPP includes the following funded community partners: Redwood Community Action Agency, K'im:aw Dental Clinic, Redwoods Rural Health Center, Open Door Community Health Centers, California Center for Rural Policy at HSU, and Humboldt Network of Family and Community Resource Centers. As the lead entity, DHHS-Public Health will work in conjunction with these partners in high quality hands-on case management. Two Community Health Outreach Workers and a Project Coordinator will be funded within DHHS-Public Health. In addition, the LDPP funds several Community Dental Health Worker positions at several partners' dental locations that will, with the DHHS-Public Health staff, comprise a Care Coordination Team that will actively ensure children are given every opportunity to improve their oral health, including parental involvement and education. With implementation of place-based services at several county schools and family health resource centers, the identification of high-risk children and linkage of children in remote areas to a primary dental provider aims to increase the continuity of care, address high-risk children early on and reduce the percentage of children with dental decay, while minimizing the occurrence of hospital-based dentistry.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of this agreement with DHCS will allow DHHS-Public Health to be reimbursed a maximum of \$3,808,932 for the period of July 1, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2020 in Budget Unit 413 - Dental Health. This grant was included in the proposed county budget for fiscal year (FY) 2017-18, and will be included in the county budget process for FY's 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. There is no impact to the General Fund.

The allocated positions of Program Coordinator (class 1425, salary range 419) and Community Health Outreach Worker I/II (class 0511, salary range 334/362) were included in the proposed county budget for FY 2017-18 and will be funded through the grant. The County of Humboldt Human Resources Department conducted a classification review for the positions and found the positions appropriate for the anticipated assignment. If grant funding were to be lost, these positions would be assigned to other programs as funds permit.

This agreement supports the Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health and providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Redwood Community Action Agency
K'im:aw Dental Clinic
Redwoods Rural Health Center
Open Door Community Health Center
Humboldt State University's California Center for Rural Policy
Humboldt Network of Family and Community Resource Centers

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve agreement 16-93571 with the Department of Health Care Services, however this would result in denial of the grant funding and therefore reduce additional services available to the county's Medi-Cal population under the age of 12.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: One (1) original copy of agreement 16-93571 with Department of Health Care Services
Attachment B: One (1) original copy of Exhibit A: HIPAA Business Associate Addendum
Attachment C: Classification Review Request(s)