

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 12/18/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve an agreement with California Family Health Council (CFHC) for the time period of October 1 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$30,000 to fund a Healthcare Reform Readiness Project.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the chairperson to sign an agreement with California Family Health Council (CFHC) for the time period of October 1 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$30,000 to fund a Healthcare Reform Readiness Project.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$30,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$30,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer
DATE: December 18, 2012
SUBJECT: Request to approve an agreement with California Family Health Council (CFHC) for the time period of October 1 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$30,000 to fund a Healthcare Reform Readiness Project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the chairperson to sign an agreement with the California Family Health Council (CFHC) for the time period of October 1 through December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$30,000 to fund a Healthcare Reform Readiness Project.

DISCUSSION

Due to the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009, Medicare and Medicaid requires health care providers to adopt certified electronic health record (EHR) technology and use it to achieve specified objectives, known as "meaningful use." In order to avoid payment reduction from Medicare and Medicaid Services, the adoption of a certified EHR system needs to occur by 2014.

With this in mind, CFHC has made special funding available to entities. The delay in bringing this agreement to your Board is due to the late timing in receiving this agreement from CFHC. The Health Agency did not receive this until mid-November. The Public Health Department will use these funds to offset existing staff to evaluate the current resources and capabilities of the department as well as conduct a needs assessment including functional and technical requirements, a cost estimate and implementation timetable before purchasing and implementing an EHR system. All expenditures will be incurred by the end of the calendar year, per the terms of the agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

CFHC will provide \$30,000 to offset existing staff in the Health Agency to perform the evaluation of current resources and capabilities, as well as completion of a needs assessment, a cost estimate and implementation timetable.

RESULTS

As a result of this project, the Public Health Department will evaluate the current needs and available capabilities of an EHR system, which is a critical tool to support the mission of Public Health and the County's overall vision of a safe, healthy and well-governed community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of Agreement with California Family Health Council, Inc.
2. Exhibit A - Budget