

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 5/6/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve 1) a new FY 2014-16 Allocation Agreement with the Department of Health Care Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to accept funding for Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment efforts, and 2) grant delegation of authority to the Health Agency Director to sign future Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Allocation Agreement Amendments. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: 1) approve and direct the Chairperson to sign a new FY 2014-16 Allocation Agreement with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in the amount of \$100,000 to accept funding for Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment efforts, and 2) delegate authority to the Health Agency Director to sign amendments to the Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Allocation Agreement.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$100,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$100,000.00	(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"/> 4/5 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 Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(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: 5/6/2014

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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- 2) delegate authority to the Health Agency Director to sign amendments to the Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Allocation Agreement.

DISCUSSION

The County has been granted a Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Allocation by the Department of Health Care Services. This funding is authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 82 (Chapter 23, Statutes 2013), Section 71 for the term of March 12, 2014 through December 16, 2016 in the amount of \$100,000. By accepting this allocation, the County agrees to provide Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment services and activities with the focus on one or more of seven targeted populations including the following: persons with mental health disorder needs, persons with substance use disorder needs, persons who are homeless, young men of color, persons who are in county jail, in state prison, on state parole, on county probation or under post-release community supervision, families with mixed immigration status, persons with limited English proficiency. The County shall ensure that the needs of the targeted populations are understood and that the information and assistance is provided in a culturally and linguistically appropriate method which shall be available at no cost to individuals to ensure effective communication.

This funding comes on of the heels of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Due to the ACA, many more people, especially those in the seven targeted populations, have become eligible for Medi-Cal, however, these newly eligible people may not be aware they are eligible or know how to apply for this coverage and need assistance to sign up for Medi-Cal. Some people may have accessed health care from the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) or Medically Indigent Service Program (MISP) in the past, but now may be eligible for more comprehensive medical coverage through Medi-Cal. Due to the short term, limited funds allocated to the County, this project will target enrollment efforts to individuals with mental health and substance use disorder needs. This focus will also ensure that duplication efforts through other ACA funded outreach efforts are avoided.

This funding is to be used in conjunction with Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The County is required to partner with one or more CBOs to develop, conduct and implement effective tools and methods to expand Medi-Cal outreach, increase Medi-Cal enrollment and contribute efforts to retention for the uninsured, targeted populations. As mandated in AB 82, Section 71(e)(1), these funds allocated may only be used for Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment activities and may supplement, but cannot replace, existing local, state, and foundation funding of county outreach enrollment activities. In other words, the County will need to provide documentation clearly delineating how their partnering CBOs will separate the enrollment work under this allocation from other enrollment work the CBOs may provide as Certified Enrollment

Counselors or as Certified Insurance Agents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

DHCS has granted to the County an amount of \$100,000 under this Allocation Agreement to administer outreach and enrollment efforts. This allocation will be received as unanticipated revenue for the Fund Center 350 – Medically Indigent Services Program (MISP) in FY 2014-15. Since grant activities will begin early in July 2014, the MISP budget will have sufficient appropriations to accommodate the increase without a budget adjustment. The Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Allocation will provide reimbursement for existing staff within Fund Center- 350 in the amount of \$55,000. Additionally, as required by AB 82, the Health Agency will partner with a Community Based Organization (CBO) to increase Medi-Cal enrollment to the identified populations. The Health Agency will return to the Board in July 2014 with a CBO contract in the amount of \$45,000 to provide outreach and enrollment services.

RESULTS

The approval of this Allocation Agreement will provide the funding necessary to boost Medi-Cal outreach and enrollment efforts among the targeted populations within San Luis Obispo County. Not only will this funding help those within one of the seven targeted populations receive full-scope Medi-Cal coverage, but it will also help make the transition easier for those clients who previously accessed health care through the CMSP program and have not yet signed up for Medi-Cal. By making sure county residents have access to proper health care, the probability of positive treatment outcomes is increased. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DHCS Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Allocation Agreement