

County of Santa Clara
Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System
Valley Medical Center
Ambulatory and Managed Care




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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Grant Award from Community Health Partnership for Specialty Care Initiative Implementation Phase

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to grant award from Community Health Partnership.

Possible action:

- a. Accept grant award from Community Health Partnership for Specialty Care Initiative Implementation Phase in the amount of \$163,623 per year for period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.
- b. Approve delegation of authority to Executive Director, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center - Ambulatory and Managed Care, or designee, to execute agreement and subsequent amendments with Community Health Partnership relating to specialty care access not to exceed \$163,623 per year for period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval

by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on December 31, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the County General Fund as a result of this action. This revenue has already been included in the FY09 Santa Clara Valley Medical Center budget.

CONTRACT HISTORY

Since FY 2000, Ambulatory and Managed Care has executed agreements with Community Health Partnership (CHP) for the provision of health education and outreach to older, at-risk medically underserved women. In October 2006, the department executed a Service Agreement with CHP for the Community Diabetes Project to provide self management diabetes classes to underserved populations.

Over the years, CHP has been awarded several grants for which Ambulatory and Managed Care was a sub-recipient. In November 2005, the Partnership was awarded a grant from the Kaiser Permanente/Safety Net Quality Improvement Partnership for implementation of a web-based electronic appointment and referral system.

In January 2007, CHP received a grant award from Kaiser Permanente Northern California Region for Community Clinic/Public Hospital Partnership and CHP subcontracted some of the grant work to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In January 2008, Community Health Partnership received a grant award from Kaiser Permanente Northern California Region for Specialty Care Access Initiative-Planning Phase in the amount of \$150,000 for the period January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009. Community Health Partnership subcontracted a portion of the grant work to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) in the amount of \$67,000. In turn, SCVHHS has assisted Community Health Partnership in determining current state of specialty care access safety net system in Santa Clara County, identified feasible approaches to reduce demand on specialty care, and developed an implementation plan for specialty care access in Santa Clara County. Since much of the work described above has been completed, CHP has been awarded a continuation grant from Kaiser Permanente to pursue the implementation phase of this initiative.

CHP has received a two year grant award from Kaiser Permanente in the amount of \$300,000 per year for two years to continue the work completed in planning phase of the Specialty Care Access Initiative grant. In late January 2009, Ambulatory and Managed Care was notified that CHP will subcontract the implementation work to the department in the amount of \$163,623 per year. During this implementation phase, Ambulatory and Managed Care will be engaged in organizing and implementing changes to the referral guidelines in Valley Express, organizing opportunities to educate specialists and primary care physicians (PCPs) in the referral process, and improve communication between PCPs and specialists with emphasis on referral guidelines and standardizing and streamlining email contact.

This grant fits with the County's goal of providing health care access to our patients and builds upon the many successful collaborative efforts with Community Health Partnership.

BACKGROUND

Community Health Partnership is a consortium of ten community health centers and Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System who make up the county's safety net system for care to diverse groups of low-income adults who are uninsured or have only public health insurance coverage, and have a variety of other barriers to health care. As a continuation of a long history of collaboration, the consortium will implement a process of evaluation and planning

leading to the development of a common vision for specialty care access among SCVHHS and community health centers.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommended action may impact the department's ability to accept the funds which would limit an opportunity to improve specialty care access.