

**County of Santa Clara**  
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Valley Homeless Healthcare Program – Grant Awards for Health Center Cluster Relating to Oral Health and Enabling Services

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Consider recommendations relating to Valley Homeless Healthcare Program.

Possible action:

- a. Accept grant awards from Health Resources and Services Administration relating to the Health Center Cluster project for Oral Health Services in the amount of \$187,500 and Enabling Services for Special Populations in the amount of \$75,000 for period September 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.
- b. Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 061 - \$262,500 increasing

revenue and expenditures in Santa Clara Valley Medical Center budget. (4/5 Roll Call Vote)

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund as a result of these actions. The appropriation modification recognizes \$262,500 in new revenue.

Although the grant periods commenced on September 1, 2009, the department was not notified of the grant awards until August 23, 2009. The grant awards was then listed as a Pending Board Item on the September 16 Health and Hospital Committee agenda.

The grant funding was pro-rated for nine months resulting in \$187,500 for the Oral Health Services grant in FY10 (and \$250,000 for the full year in FY11) and \$75,000 for the Enabling Services for Special Populations (Case Management) grant in FY10 (and \$100,000 for the full year in FY11).

Funding for the Oral Health Services grant will be used to expand services through the use of extra help staff. Funding from the Enabling Services for Special Populations grant will be used to expand case management through contracted services with Hospital Council of Northern and Central California.

### **CONTRACT HISTORY**

On November 18, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved a federal grant award from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), "New Access Points: Health Care for the Homeless," to expand health care services to homeless County residents. The grant award to the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program (VHHP) was for an initial three-year project term, starting in late FY03 and ending in FY06. Award amounts for Year 1 was \$515,171, Year 2 amount was \$648,722 and Year 3 amount was \$556,269 with the option to compete for future funding after successful completion of a project assessment. The project assessment was successfully completed in April 2006. In FY06, the program was granted a second award for an addition five-year term though FY11. The current grant award totals \$1.3 million as of June 30, 2009.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

### *Health Center Cluster Grant for Oral Health*

The Valley Homeless Healthcare Program currently provides dental care through a mobile dental unit linked to fixed site clinics, but demand for services is outpacing capacity. The Targeted Oral Outreach to Homeless (TOOTH) Project will reach three homeless subpopulations with urgent, unmet oral health needs: chronically homeless adults, homeless families in urban areas, and homeless migrant/seasonal farm workers and their children.

The TOOTH Project will increase VHHP's dental capacity through mobile dental services at two new service sites, InnVision Georgia Travis One Stop Service Center and InnVision Opportunity Service Center as well as increased hours at two existing locations at Emergency Housing Consortium Lifebuilders One Stop Service Center and Saint Mary's Church/Saint Joseph Family Center. The expanded services will provide a full range of oral health care, including prevention, diagnosis, risk assessment and treatment of oral diseases. The TOOTH Project will enable VHHP to deliver comprehensive dental care to new patients through increased dental encounters.

### *Health Center Cluster Grant for Enabling Services for Special Populations (ESSP)*

Funding for Enabling Services for Special Populations under the Health Center Cluster grant will be used to reach chronically homeless adults through the expansion of case management services. Currently, the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California's (HCNCC) New Directions project delivers intensive case management for a limited number of homeless patients with eight or more visits to hospitals Emergency Departments within 12 months as well as homeless patients in VHHP's medical respite unit. VHHP will contract with HCNCC to expand the services of the New Directions case management team to reach more chronically homeless adults and connect them with VHHP primary care services, SSI and Medi-Cal benefits. Expanding services will target chronically homeless adults at key locations and points in time: 1) when they visit Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Emergency Department; 2) when they are hospitalized; 3) while they are accessing services at a new community-based One Stop Center for chronically homeless adults; or 4) while in the Medical Respite Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Valley Homeless Healthcare Program is the "safety net for the safety net", providing comprehensive services for homeless persons who cannot or will not seek care in conventional healthcare settings. By providing care that co-locates and integrates primary medical, substance abuse, mental health, housing and support services, VHHP is increasing the number of homeless with "medical homes", decreasing unnecessary emergency room visits, and offering hope and options to the most marginalized members of our community.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Failure to approve the recommended action may result in the loss of grant funding for the oral health and case management grants.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Oral Health NGA

- Case Management NGA
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