

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Departmental Correspondence

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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Conley, Deputy Director, Public Health Division

SUBJECT: Agreement with the State of California Department of Health Services, Division of Communicable Disease Control

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an agreement with the State of California for a Project for the Prevention and Control of Hepatitis C.
2. Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) to accept increased revenue to implement the "San Mateo County Hepatitis C Prevention and Control Project."

Background

In 1999, your Board approved a study of Hepatitis C prevalence among high-risk populations. The study also served as an initial attempt to increase awareness of Hepatitis C as a serious health threat. The report from that study was presented to your Board in March 2001. As a result of the findings of the study, the report recommended that your Board appropriate \$85,000 to support the development of a Hepatitis C infrastructure consisting of education, prevention, testing and counseling of persons at increased risk of contracting Hepatitis C, with an emphasis on harm reduction. In June 2001, your Board approved this funding and the program outlined in the recommendation was implemented. In addition, your Board received assurances that if the State made funding available for Hepatitis C control, the Department of Health Services would augment your allocation by applying for this funding.

Discussion

In August of last year, the Public Health Division applied to the State Department of Health Services in response to an announcement of funding for Projects for the Prevention and Control of Hepatitis C. The purpose of this proposal was to enhance the Hepatitis C program already begun with the funding from your Board. On September 25th, Public Health was informed that this proposal had been funded for \$85,000. The funding was requested as a way of complementing your Board's allocation, in order to provide coordination of a Hepatitis C Awareness Campaign, increased Hepatitis C (HCV) screening, as well as outreach, education and counseling for people living with HCV.

The following outcome objectives related to this project will be measured in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 using an Evaluation Work Plan included in the grant proposal:

Performance Measures (at middle of funding year)	2000-01 Actual	2001-02 Objectives	2002-03 Objectives
Percentage of people at risk for Hepatitis C referred for HCV screening who actually seek HCV screening, as measured by referral coupons.	N/A*	70%	70%
Percentage of people with Hepatitis C referred to the Living Now with Hepatitis C program, who actually enroll in that program, as measured by referral coupons.	N/A*	80%	80%
Percentage of individuals seeking HIV/STD testing, counseling and prevention interventions, who also receive Hepatitis C information and risk assessment, as demonstrated by staff field notes.	N/A*	80%	80%
Percentage of HCV-positive individuals receiving outreach interventions who demonstrate a reduction in or maintenance of behaviors that transmit HCV to others, as measured on pre/post-intervention surveys.	N/A*	80%	80%

* This is a new program.

Vision Alignment

The agreement with the State Department of Health Services keeps the commitment of ensuring basic health and safety for all and goal number 5: Residents have access to health care and preventative care. The agreement contributes to this commitment and goal since the program provides additional Hepatitis C screening, as well as education and outreach for people living with HCV.

Term and Fiscal Impact

The term of this agreement is from February 1, 2002, to March 31, 2003. The total amount of the award is \$85,000. Of this amount, \$60,000 will be expended during the current fiscal year, and the remainder in FY2002-2003. Administrative oversight, project monitoring, and all direct services associated with this agreement will be provided by existing Public Health Staff and contractors. There is no net County cost associated with this project.

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