



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

Health System

**DATE:** June 30, 2009  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 4, 2009  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Srija Srinivasan, Special Assistant to the County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of a Grant from Blue Shield of California Foundation and Amendment to the Agreement with Urban Institute for evaluation services related to the Blue Ribbon Task Force Pilot

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the President of the Board to execute a Grant Agreement from Blue Shield of California Foundation for the term of June 1, 2009 to December 1, 2011, in the amount of \$200,000 to extend and broaden the evaluation of the Blue Ribbon Task Force Pilot; and
2. Authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with The Urban Institute for evaluation services, to extend the term to December 31, 2011, increase the amount by \$200,000 for a new total of \$542,000, and modify the scope to include additional evaluation activities.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 8, 2008, your Board approved a Grant Agreement with The California Endowment (TCE) for the amount of \$345,750 to support an evaluation of the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) Pilot, a health care coverage expansion and access improvement program. On July 8, 2008, your Board approved an Agreement with The Urban Institute (UI) for \$342,000 to lead the evaluation, which is currently underway.

UI is conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis to assess success in improving



access and health, with a focus on determining the impact of the Access and Care for Everyone (ACE) and ACE County coverage programs and the efforts to improve management of chronic disease at the redesigned Innovative Care Clinic at San Mateo Medical Center. Initial findings from this evaluation were included in the Health System Redesign Initiative annual update accepted by your Board on April 14, 2009.

**DISCUSSION:**

In May 2009 the County was awarded a \$200,000 grant by the Blue Shield of California Foundation (BSCF) to support an enhanced focus on cost-effectiveness and to provide sufficient time for a pre/post evaluation of the Innovative Care Clinic. The BSCF grant enables an extension of UI's evaluation work to December 31, 2011, and a more comprehensive analysis of service utilization, service setting and per-patient cost in order to understand the impact on the cost of care for low income patients. This work will inform resource direction decisions regarding the operation and administration of County programs.

With the expanded base of funding, the County will be able to extend the term of the Agreement with TCE and redirect a portion of this funding to support focus groups with patients. The extended term and addition of a research question related to cost-effectiveness requires that the Agreement with UI be amended.

This Grant Agreement and Amendment to Agreement contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by improving health care coverage for many uninsured adults living in San Mateo County. This work stems from the planning recommendations of the BRTF, which involved many diverse community stakeholders.

Grant Agreement and Amendment have been reviewed and approved to form by County Counsel.

**Performance Measure:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2007-08 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2008-09 Projected</b>
Number of community members engaged in addressing high priority health issues	300	300

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Grant Agreement with the BSCF has a term of June 1, 2009 to December 1, 2011, and provides \$200,000 in unanticipated revenue. There will be a corresponding \$200,000 increase in the UI Agreement. This additional revenue and expenditure will be added to the Health System FY 2009-10 budget during the September budget revision process. In the meantime, the Health System has sufficient appropriations to fund any grant-related expenditures.