

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

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Meeting Date

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Department: Health Services

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Board Date:
7/21/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Immunization Assistance Program

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute a Standard Agreement No. 09-11304 with the California Department of Public Health for FY 09-10, and future amendments that do not significantly change program content or funding amount (\$322,060).

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute contracts with local community-based organizations for FY 09-10, subject to County Counsel review, and future amendments that do not significantly change program content, within approved budget authority (\$66,545).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

Estimated Cost \$ 0

Amount Budgeted

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Additional Requested: \$ 0

Explanation (if required):

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Contingencies
(Fund Name:)

Unanticipated Revenue
(Source: State Department of Health Services)

Other Transfer(s)
(Source:)

Add'l Funds Requested: \$ 0

Prior Board Action(s): 11/4/08 – Authorized Standard Agreement for FY 08-09 and authorized contracts with local community-based organizations.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Access to affordable vaccines would be reduced, potentially resulting in serious illness in the county.

BACKGROUND: (Note: Standard Agreement No. 09-11304 is on file with the Clerk of the Board.)

The Department of Health Services has been allocated \$322,060 by the State for FY 09-10, to coordinate the Immunization Assistance Program (IAP), including State-supplied vaccines for children and adults, and the Immunization Registry/Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Collaborative Project. Of these funds, \$66,545 will be used to partner with community-based organizations to administer local immunization clinics. An additional \$80,175 will be used for the ongoing implementation and use of the Immunization Registry, a web-based system providing immediate access to patient immunization history, at County WIC nutrition sites. The remaining \$175,340 covers IAP program coordination costs including staff salary and benefits, and operating expenses.

Immunization programs are the most cost effective public health strategy for preventing infant and childhood morbidity and mortality. Many once-common vaccine-preventable diseases are now controlled, resulting in significantly reduced disability, death, and societal costs for individuals and members of the community.

Funds are used to provide:

- Public and private provider education on the correct administration of childhood and adult vaccines with special focus on two-year-olds and kindergarten students.
- The Immunization Registry at seven WIC sites to monitor the immunization status of WIC-enrolled children ages 0-24 months and to provide immunization guidance to their parents.
- Technical assistance to community-based organizations on setting up and maintaining childhood immunization efforts.
- Coordination of media and public relations to hard-to-reach populations about the need for childhood immunizations.
- Epidemiological study of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks.
- Public education and community collaboration for providing thousands of seasonal flu immunizations.
- Drop-in immunization clinics at multiple sites in the county.
- Special audits to identify and define populations at risk for vaccine preventable disease.
- Identification of at-risk pregnant women, babies and their contacts who are at risk of Hepatitis B to assure their access to immunization.

Attachments: None.

On File With Clerk: Standard Agreement No. 09-11304.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")	Vote:

BACKGROUND: (continued)

The Department will contract with the Alliance Medical Center WIC program and selected Sonoma County community health clinics. Community clinics were selected on criteria established by the Public Health Officer including the provision of primary care medical homes to low income children ages 0-5 and participation in the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Quality Reporting Initiative. Partnering community-based clinics will provide regularly scheduled outreach and immunization drop-in clinics. These contracts do not represent the clinics' only source of funds for immunizations. In the event that State funding is eliminated, the clinics will reduce the number of drop-in clinics and outreach activities currently scheduled for FY 09-10. Immunization program partners include:

Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Program

Alliance Medical Center WIC Program \$19,825

Community Health Clinics

Alliance Medical Center 6,143

Alexander Valley Regional Medical Center 3,595

Petaluma Health Center 9,804

Sonoma County Indian Health Project 4,314

Sonoma Valley Community Health Center 4,926

Southwest Community Health Center 10,802

St. Joseph's Medical Access Program 3,112

West County Health Centers Inc. 4,024

Total \$66,545

FISCAL IMPACT:

This program has been identified in the Governor's May Revise for a one-time only elimination of funding for FY 09-10. The Department request for authority to contract for this program allows for services to continue in the event that the State funds are not eliminated. The clinics have been advised of the potential loss of funding for this program. All contracts with community-based organizations contain language allowing the County to amend or terminate agreements with contractors, in the event funding is reduced, withheld or terminated.

The FY 09-10 Final Budget includes \$382,691 for this program based on the FY 08-09 state agreement. The FY 09-10 state agreement of \$322,060 reduces available program funding by \$60,631. The Department will return to the Board with appropriate budgetary adjustments to reflect this decreased funding. There are no contributions from Realignment or the General Fund.