

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

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Meeting Date _____ Held Until _____
Agenda Item No: _____ Agenda Item No: _____

Department: Health Services

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Board Date:
8/4/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Tuberculosis Control Program

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to accept the California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Award for FY 09-10, and execute all related agreements, documents and amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$38,944).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$ 38,944

Contingencies
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted 38,944

Unanticipated Revenue
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s)
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$ 0

Add'l Funds Requested: \$ 0

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s): 1/6/09 – Authorized acceptance of FY 08-09 Tuberculosis Control Award.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to receive funding to support management and tracking of tuberculosis cases.

BACKGROUND: (Note: California Department of Public Health Letter of Award is on file with the Clerk of the Board.)

The Department of Health Services' Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program provides services to people who have active TB disease and their close contacts, such as family members and coworkers. People at highest risk for developing TB disease include those with HIV infections, weakened immune systems, the homeless, the elderly, and immigrants from parts of the world where TB is still widespread. Early identification and prompt referral for treatment is of utmost importance in control of this disease in our community.

In 2008, there were 9 new cases of TB diagnosed in Sonoma County, a rate of 1.8 new cases per 100,000 people. Sonoma County meets the national definition for a low-incidence jurisdiction (less than 3.5 cases per 100,000 people). However, the rate of infection in Sonoma County is consistently higher than the Healthy People 2010 goal of 1.0 case per 100,000 people.

The objectives of the Department's tuberculosis control program include:

- Ensuring that all TB patients receive early and appropriate care and continue treatment through to completion.
- Improving identification and reporting of TB cases.
- Developing and implementing TB control measures in high-risk settings.
- Improving education of health care providers, policy makers and communities at risk.
- Preventing persons with TB infection from developing and spreading the disease.

The Department has been awarded base funding of \$34,045 and additional funds of \$4,899 for food, shelter and incentives (such as bus passes and grocery vouchers), for a total award of \$38,944 for FY 09-10. These incentives support patient compliance in taking their medications, provide transitional housing alternatives, improve nutrition, allow patients to keep important medical appointments, and allow the use of alternatives to detention.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total award of \$38,944 is included in the FY 09-10 Final Budget. The TB Control Program is state mandated and funded primarily by Realignment. There is no contribution from the General Fund.

Attachments: California Department of Public Health Letter of Award.

On File With Clerk: None.

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