

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date **Held Until**
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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Health Services

4/5 Vote Not Required

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Board Date:
10/20/2009

Deadline for Board Action:
10/20/2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Children and Families Commission Oral Health Services

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute a contract with Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County for the period October 15, 2009 through October 14, 2011, and any future amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$78,629).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$30,052	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$0
Amount Budgeted	\$30,052	Unanticipated Revenue (Source:)	\$0
Other Available Appropriations (Explain Below)	\$0	Other Transfers (Source:)	\$0
Additional Requested	\$0	Additional Funds Requested	\$0

Explanation (if required): The FY 09-10 Final Budget includes \$30,052 to administer the Oral Health Services program. The remaining \$48,577 will be included in future budget requests.

Prior Board Action: None.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to expand access to dental care for at-risk children.

Background:

The action requested in this agenda item is consistent with the goals and objectives approved in the First 5 Sonoma County Strategic Plan 2006-2010.

Although preventable, dental decay can be quite advanced by the time a child enters kindergarten. For most low-income children, access to dental care is difficult and the recommended first dental visit at age one is challenging to attain.

First 5 Sonoma County, in collaboration with the Dental Health Foundation, has identified the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Programs as service sites to provide preventive dental care to low-income children. With one of every two newborns in Sonoma County eligible for WIC services, using WIC as service sites for preventive dental care will provide an opportunity to reach at-risk one-year olds and other young children.

There are four County-operated WIC sites: Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sonoma Valley, and Guerneville. The oral health program will initially be implemented at the Santa Rosa site with the intent to expand the program based on the readiness of each site to participate. It is currently anticipated that the Petaluma or Guerneville WIC sites will be the next to offer this dental program. Plans also include expansion to WIC sites operated by Alliance Medical Center and Sonoma County Indian Health Project.

In July 2009, First 5 Sonoma County released a Request for Applications to agencies interested in providing oral health services at WIC sites. Two applications were received and evaluated by the review committee. Based on the review committee’s evaluation, the Sonoma County Children and Families Commission, the governing body of First 5 Sonoma County, recommends awarding the contract to Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Sonoma County. CAP will provide the following services in collaboration with parents and WIC:

1. Provide dental assessments and fluoride varnish applications for children ages 1 to 5.
2. Provide referrals and coordinate services for children to access additional dental care.
3. Provide preventive oral health education for parents.
4. Develop systems and protocols necessary to expand the oral health program to additional WIC program sites.

The Dental Health Foundation will provide technical assistance to Community Action Partnership for the development and implementation of systems to enable WIC to serve as the entry point for dental care services and to establish claiming and billing systems to ensure reimbursement for long-term program sustainability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 09-10 Final Budget includes \$30,052 for Community Action Partnership to administer the Oral Health Services program. Future budgets will include the remaining \$48,577 for the program (for a total of \$78,629). All funding is from the Sonoma County Children and Families Special Revenue Fund. There is no contribution from Realignment or the General Fund.

Attachments: None.

On File With Clerk: 8/26/09 Meeting Minutes of the Sonoma County Children and Families Commission; Community Action Partnership contract.

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Board Action (If other than “Requested”)

Vote: