

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Health Services

4/5 Vote Required

Contact:
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Board Date:
10/20/2009

Deadline for Board Action:
10/20/2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Beilenson Hearing and Public Health Reductions.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Conduct a Beilenson Hearing as required by California Health and Safety Code §1442.5 to receive public input regarding proposed service reductions in Public Health services.

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the FY 09-10 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund – Department of Health Services in the amount of (\$542,239).

Authorize the Director of Health Services, in coordination with the Sonoma County Human Resources Department, to implement layoff proceedings for employees within the Department of Health Services in accordance with Civil Service Rule #11: Layoffs.

Resolution amending the Departmental Allocation List – Department of Health Services – deleting 7.05 FTE positions.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$0	Contingencies	\$0
		(Fund Name:)	
Amount Budgeted	\$542,239	Unanticipated Revenue	(\$542,239)
		(Source: State/Federal Revenue)	
Other Available Appropriations	\$0	Other Transfers	\$0
(Explain Below)		(Source:)	
Additional Requested	(\$542,239)	Additional Funds Requested	(\$542,239)

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action: 5/12/09 Beilenson Hearing for Public Health Reductions; 10/06/09 FY 09-10 State Budget Reductions

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: California Health and Safety Code §1442.5 requires a public hearing when medical or health services are being reduced or eliminated. Lost opportunity to implement service reductions consistent with decreased state funding.

Background:**Beilenson Hearing**

Due to a major downturn in the economy and the state fiscal crisis, the Department of Health Services is faced with decreased state revenue. On October 6, 2009 the Board approved reductions of \$3.9 million in state revenues. In addition to those reductions the Department needs to reduce and eliminate some medical services being provided by the Public Health Division. A public hearing is required by California Health and Safety Code Section 1442.5 referred to as a 'Beilenson Hearing'. This hearing must be conducted before County provided medical or health services are reduced or eliminated. As required by law, the notice of public hearing has been posted since October 6, 2009, fourteen days prior to this hearing, at Public Health facilities where services are delivered. Because some of the reductions being proposed will affect the provision of medical or health services, the Department must notify the public and provide an opportunity for public input. The reductions, as noted below, are deemed necessary to achieve a balanced budget.

Service	Specific Reduction and Location	Number of Persons Impacted	Expected Cost Savings
Public Health Clinics - Immunizations; TB Skin Tests; and Latent TB Infection Control Services	<p>Specific Reduction: Elimination of the Family Immunization Clinic will require clients to obtain immunization services at community walk-in clinics, community vaccination events or primary care providers. Elimination of TB skin testing services will require clients to obtain services from health care providers or primary care providers. Elimination of Latent TB Infection control services will require clients to obtain treatment from community clinics or primary care providers.</p> <p>Location(s): 3420 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa</p>	Approximately 2,430 clients annually	\$245,145
Public Health Clinics - Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic	<p>Specific Reduction: Reduced staffing will reduce clinic capacity by approximately half requiring clients to obtain services from community health centers or primary care providers.</p> <p>Location(s): 3420 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa 418 Riley Street, Santa Rosa</p>	Approximately 2,590 clients annually	\$297,094
Total Projected Savings			\$542,239

Family Immunization Clinic

The Family Immunization Clinic provides immunizations and tuberculin skin tests (TST) to clients on a walk-in basis. There has been a steady decrease in the number of clients seen at the immunization clinic over the last several years. In FY 08-09 approximately 2,400 clients received services from the immunization clinic. This was a decrease of 25% from FY 07-08 when services were provided to nearly 3200 clients. The decrease in the number of clients seeking services from the clinic is due to a variety of factors including increased community clinic capacity, opportunities for children to receive immunizations at health events such as Kaiser's annual Neighbors in Health event, and community flu clinics.

The impact of the reduction in services will be mitigated by expanded service capacity of community clinics in the coming year. Several Federally Qualified Health Centers have received Federal Stimulus funding that will allow them to increase staffing and physical capacity thereby increasing the number of clients that can be served in these locations.

Additionally, the Department is looking for options to expand immunization rates in Sonoma County through work with clinics and programs such as the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program. The Department's ultimate goal is to link all Sonoma County residents to a source of ongoing prevention-focused primary care.

The closure of the Family Immunization Clinic will not impact the Department's proposed plan for 2009 H1N1 immunization. There will be special 2009 H1N1 flu vaccination clinics in October, November and December, for individuals who do not receive the vaccine from their regular health care providers. These clinics will be held at several locations in the community.

Latent TB Infection Services

The Public Health Clinic provides episodic medical care to individuals with latent TB infection. With the implementation of new procedures and the use of a more sensitive blood test, the number of patients treated has significantly declined over the past year. Approximately 220 clients received these services in FY 08-09, a decline of 65% from FY 07-08. All community health centers provide latent TB infection treatment; clients will be referred to community health centers for such services.

Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic

Public Health clinics provide family planning and STD services including pregnancy prevention education, birth control, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and follow-up care. Approximately 95% of the clients served by the Family Planning/STD Clinic patients are eligible for or have Medi-Cal. With the implementation of Managed Care Medi-Cal on October 1, 2009, individuals with Medi-Cal will be assigned to a medical home and a primary care provider. These clients will be encouraged to receive family planning and STD services from their assigned primary care providers.

Teens and young adults will remain the priority of Public Health Clinics, with one or more dedicated walk-in "teen clinics" per week.

This Board item requests the reduction of 7.05 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) permanent positions of which 1.05 FTE are vacant, and 6.00 FTE are filled. The Department anticipates these actions may result in layoffs of up to 6.00 FTE positions, or less.

The Department will continue to work with the Human Resources Department to identify opportunities to mitigate layoffs and to address the impact on employees. To the extent that layoffs are unavoidable, the Department will work with Human Resources to implement layoff proceedings in accordance with Civil Service Rule 11 (Layoffs).

Fiscal Impact

State revenue reductions have resulted in a \$542,239 shortfall in funding for various Public Health Division programs. This reduction resulted in the need to prioritize limited funding. The reduction of \$245,145 will eliminate the Family Immunization Clinic; the reduction of \$297,094 will reduce the services provided by the Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic.

Attachments: Public Notice on Proposed Reductions in Health Services; Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment in the amount of (\$542,239); Resolution amending the Departmental Allocation List.

On File With Clerk: None.

CLERK OF THE BOARD USE ONLY

Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Resolution No. _____
 Sonoma County Administration
 Building, Santa Rosa, California

Date _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
 COUNTY OF SONOMA, AMENDING THE DEPARTMENTAL ALLOCATION LIST,
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DELETING 7.05 FTE POSITIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Department provides the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma with a periodic updates regarding the financial challenges facing the Department; and

WHEREAS, in July 2009 the Governor of the State of California signed an amended FY 09-10 State Budget which included state general fund expenditure reductions totaling \$16 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Department estimates the reductions in State funding will result in reduced funding for Department programs and services totaling \$4.3 million in FY 09-10; and

WHEREAS, to align program costs with available state revenue and to reduce the need for backfill funding through October 2009, the Department has requested the Board authorize an amendment to its Departmental Allocation List deleting 1.05 FTE effective October 20, 2009, and deleting 2.20 FTE effective November 11, 2009, and deleting 3.80 FTE effective January 1, 2010 for a total reduction of 7.05 FTE; and

WHEREAS, of the 7.05 FTE positions to be eliminated, 1.05 FTE are vacant, 6.00 FTE are filled; this may result in the issuance of up to 6.00 FTE initial layoff notices;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma that the Departmental Allocation List, Department of Health Services, be amended as follows:

Dept Div/ Index	Job Class No. & Title	Existing Allocation (FTE)	Change in Allocation	New Total Allocation (FTE)	Effective Date	Salary Range
164600	0403 Account Clerk III	0.50	-0.50	0.00	1/1/10	20.13
164600	0501 Clinic Clerk	3.00	-1.00	2.00	11/11/09	18.26
164600	0501 Clinic Clerk	2.00	-1.00	1.00	1/1/10	18.26
164600	1916 FNP/PA	1.70	-0.25	1.45	11/11/09	38.69
164600	1916 FNP/PA	1.45	-0.95	0.50	1/1/10	38.69
164600	2007 LVN	1.00	-0.25	0.75	10/20/09	22.38
164600	2007 LVN	0.75	-0.75	0.00	11/11/09	22.38
164600	2012 Staff Nurse II	0.20	-0.20	0.00	11/11/09	35.20
164600	3375 Public Health Asst.	2.65	-0.30	2.35	10/20/09	18.61
164600	3375 Public Health Asst.	2.35	-1.35	1.00	1/1/10	18.61
164600	2634 Health Program Mng	0.50	-0.50	0.00	10/20/09	36.01
Total Position Changes			-7.05			

SUPERVISORS:

Brown _____ Kerns _____ Zane _____ Carrillo _____ Kelley _____

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

SO ORDERED.

Resolution No. _____
Sonoma County Administration Building,
Santa Rosa, California.

Date: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SONOMA,
AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FY 09-10 FINAL BUDGET
WITHIN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$(542,239.00)

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has adopted a final budget for the Department of Health Services,
and

WHEREAS, the Government Code allows for adjustments to the final budget during the FY 09-10 Fiscal
Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Controller is hereby authorized and
directed to make the following budgetary adjustments.

FINANCING USES

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS: HEALTH SERVICES – Public Health Division

202	164600-5100	Permanent Position	\$(409,313.00)
202	164600-5140	Premium Pay	\$(7,581.00)
202	164600-6040	Communications	\$(4,805.00)
202	164600-6080	Household Expense	\$(2,660.00)
202	164600-6140	Maintenance of Equipment	\$(767.00)
202	164600-6260	Medical Supplies	\$(40,273.00)
202	164600-6280	Memberships	\$(556.00)
202	164600-6400	Office Expense	\$(4,854.00)
202	164600-6410	Postage	\$(801.00)
202	164600-6415	Books/Periodicals	\$(744.00)
202	164600-6430	Printing	\$(4,066.00)
202	164600-6457	Computer Charges	\$(31,624.00)
202	164600-6500	Professional Services	\$(182.00)
202	164600-6512	Testing/Analysis	\$(7,366.00)
202	164600-6521	County Services	\$(11,827.00)
202	164600-6634	Bank Fees	\$(370.00)
202	164600-6658	Public Health Clinics	\$(2,529.00)
202	164600-6800	Public/Legal Notices	\$(296.00)
202	164600-6820	Rents/Leases Equipment	\$(3,654.00)
202	164600-6880	Small Tools	\$(2,268.00)
202	164600-6889	Software	\$(240.00)
202	164600-7120	In-Service Training	\$(2,539.00)
202	164600-7301	County Car Expense	\$(1,773.00)
202	164600-7303	Private Car Expense	\$(836.00)
202	164600-7309	Unclaimable County Car	\$(315.00)
203	164907-8760	Reimb-Realignment	\$125,883.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS: HEALTH SERVICES – Special Revenue – Health Realignment

202	068718-6355	PH Admin (Sales)	\$(125,883.00)
			\$(125,883.00)
Total Financing Sources			\$(542,239.00)

FINANCING SOURCES

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS: HEALTH SERVICES – Public Health Division

003	164303-2293	St – Hlth – Adolescent Family	\$(177,550.00)
003	164600-2289	St – Hlth FFP – MediCal	\$(15,737.00)
003	164600-2600	Fed Public Assistance Admin	\$(167,809.00)
003	164600-3341	Disease Control	\$(4,731.00)
003	164600-3342	FP Srvs – Private Pay	\$(588.00)
003	164600-3346	Immunization Services	\$(40,768.00)
003	164600-3600	Other Charges for Services	\$(9,173.00)

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS: HEALTH SERVICES – Special Revenue – Health Realignment

068718	Use of Fund Balance	\$(125,883.00)
		\$(125,883.00)
Total Financing Sources		\$(542,239.00)

SUPERVISORS:

Brown	Kerns	Zane	Carrillo	Kelley
Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent	

SO ORDERED

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN HEALTH SERVICES
October 20, 2009**

California Health and Safety Code §1442.5 requires the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to hold a “Beilenson Hearing” to allow the public to provide input to proposed reductions to medical or health care services provided by the Sonoma County Department of Health Services. The Department of Health Services has prepared the following list describing the proposed service reductions effective **October 20, 2009**.

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At this public hearing, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma will consider the impact of the proposed elimination or reduction of medical services. Public testimony, both oral and written, will be accepted at this hearing.

The Beilenson Hearing will be held on:
Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 3:30 PM
Board of Supervisors Chambers
575 Administration Drive, Room 102A
Santa Rosa, California

Further information is available by telephoning the Department of Health Services:
Between 8:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m.: 707-565-4700
Between 5:00 p.m and 8:00 a.m.: 707-565-7400