



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



**Date:** October 3, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** November 1, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System  
**Subject:** Authorization for the Whole Person Care Pilot Agreement

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief of the Health System to sign an agreement, on behalf of the County of San Mateo, with the California Department of Health Care Services, for participation in the Whole Person Care Pilot Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 13, 2016, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot Program. The purpose of the WPC Pilots is the coordination of health, behavioral health, and social services, as applicable, in a patient-centered manner in order to improve beneficiary health and wellbeing through more efficient and effective use of resources.

WPC Pilots will provide support to integrate care for a particularly vulnerable group of Health Plan of San Mateo's Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have been identified as high users of multiple systems and continue to have poor health outcomes. Through collaborative leadership and systematic coordination, WPC Pilot entities will identify target populations, share data between systems, coordinate care real time, and evaluate individual and population progress – all with the goal of providing comprehensive coordinated care for the beneficiary resulting in better health outcomes.

**DISCUSSION:**

On July 1, 2016, the San Mateo County Health System (SMCHS) submitted an application to DHCS to participate as a lead entity in the WPC pilot. If SMCHS's application is approved, it could receive up to \$16,536,771 in funding and will be required to meet specific service metrics in order to draw down the funds. DHCS requires a resolution from the WPC applicant's governing board specifically authorizing the applicant's signatory to enter into the agreement to participate in the WPC pilot.

DHCS has indicated that the WPC pilot application will become the agreement between DHCS and SMCHS, with supplementary terms and provisions. The County Counsel's Office has reviewed the WPC pilot application and will review and supplementary terms and provisions provided by DHCS. DHCS plans to notify WPC applicants of approval of their participation on October 24, 2016, and requires WPC applicants to accept by November 3, 2016.

In order to meet the DHCS very tight timeline, SMCHS must seek Board pre-approval prospectively if DHCS approves the SMCHS application.

Acceptance of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcomes of a Healthy and Prosperous Community by helping our most vulnerable Medi-Cal clients get the right services they need at the right time and the right place.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The pilot agreement is for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$16,536,771 annually. There is no net county cost as a result of participating in this program. Should the County's application be approved, the Chief of the Health System will bring forward an Appropriation Transfer Request to your Board to appropriate any necessary funds to the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget.