



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: December 5, 2014
Board Meeting Date: January 13, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

Subject: Agreement with the San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless & Farm Worker Health Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless & Farm Worker Health Program.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1995, the Health System has administered San Mateo County's Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program grant through the San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC). Receipt of this federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) qualifies SMMC as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), which in turn permits SMMC to receive an enhanced Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for care provided by SMMC's clinics.

In 2010, HRSA approved SMMC's request to include migrant and seasonal farmworkers in the HCH grant. The program then became the San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless / Farmworker Health Program (Program) to reflect this expansion of scope to include farmworkers.

With these HRSA awards, various conditions have been imposed which SMMC and the Program are required to meet. One of these conditions, as specifically clarified in HRSA Policy Information Notice 2014-01, is the requirement for a formal agreement between the Board of Supervisors and the Co-Applicant Board.

DISCUSSION:

In October 2014, HRSA issued a Notice of Award for the annual renewal of the Program's grant funds in the amount of \$1.85 million for the current program year

(November 1, 2014 - October 31, 2015). To remain in compliance with Notice 2014-01, your Board is requested to approve the formal agreement drafted and approved by the HCH/FH Program's Governing Board on November 25, 2014, and now brought to your Board to approve and execute said agreement.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The Resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by improving access to affordable healthcare. It is anticipated that 73% of the County's homeless population (as identified in the Center on Homelessness's biannual "One Night Count") will have at least annual access to health services provided by the Program and SMMC. In addition, it is anticipated that at least 1,500 farm workers will annually access these services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percent of the County's homeless population who have annual access to health services	70%	73%
Number of farm workers who have annual access to health services	1435	1500

FISCAL IMPACT:

Although there is no budgetary allocation associated with this agreement, executing this agreement will enable SMMC to meet HRSA requirements, and therefore ensure that the HRSA grant remains in place. As a result, SMMC will be able to continue receiving the enhanced Medi-Cal reimbursement rate, which accounted for more than \$12 million in FQHC reimbursement in FY13-14.