



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 16-801

Board Meeting Date: 12/5/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Srija Srinivasan, Director, Family Health Services & Health Coverage Unit

Subject: Amendment to the Agreement with Puente de la Costa Sur to Provide Health Insurance Outreach, Enrollment and Retention Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Puente de la Costa Sur to provide health insurance outreach, enrollment and retention services for children and adult health coverage programs, extending the term to January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 and increasing the amount by \$44,365 to an amount not to exceed \$129,874.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2003, the Health System has contracted with community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide outreach and enrollment services for low-income uninsured residents in need of health insurance coverage. In spring 2013, the Health System issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select entities interested in providing such services, in alignment with changes related to the Affordable Care Act. Puente de la Costa Sur was selected as one of five entities contracted to provide these services to targeted hard-to-reach populations. The selection process included obtaining endorsement by the Children's Health Initiative (CHI) Oversight Committee, a Health System community advisory body that is part of the Health Plan of San Mateo's governance structure.

In January 2016, the Health System signed an agreement in the amount of \$84,872 for the term January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 providing support for additional outreach, enrollment and retention services. In June 2017, the balance of the agreement was increased by 3% as a cost of living allowance. The funding amounts, target numbers of residents to be reached, and a rate of cost/enrollment were drawn from a formula used by Covered California.

DISCUSSION:

As we awaited clarity on the Affordable Care Act's core components, the Health System monitored the level of outreach and enrollment assistance provided by Puente de la Costa Sur and the

continued need for outreach and enrollment assistance services. While we have reduced the percentage of uninsured residents to 4%, there remain 32,000 uninsured residents, as well as residents who need help keeping the coverage they have. Puente de la Costa Sur has demonstrated effectiveness in reaching and achieving trust with the South Coast population and these services and capabilities complement the capacity provided by the Health System. Puente targets a very geographically dispersed population, requiring more effort per enrollment. The target population faces considerable barriers in coming to Puente's location and/or having the necessary information to successfully complete a health coverage enrollment.

The CHI Oversight Committee recommended one-year arrangements with the entities selected in the most recent RFP process.

The amendment and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The Board is being asked to authorize the Director of the Health Coverage Unit or his/her designee to execute subsequent amendments which do not exceed an aggregate of \$25,000.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by ensuring uninsured residents living in the South Coast region of San Mateo County will be screened, enrolled, and retained in various health coverage programs. Maximizing enrollment in available health coverage programs strengthens the county's ability to provide residents' access to healthcare. Over the next fiscal year, it is anticipated that the contractor will enroll at least 200 children and adults.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2016-17 Actual	FY 2017-18 Projected
Number of children and adults enrolled by the contractor	267	200

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the amended agreement is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2018. The agreement is being increased by \$44,365 to a new amount not to exceed \$129,874. Funds in the amount of \$44,365 were included in the HCU FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future budget years.

The cost of the agreement is covered primarily by federal reimbursements from the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities program and the County General Fund, as well as from the CHI local funders. The Net County Cost for this agreement for FY 2017-18 is \$12,152.