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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Actions regarding Community Health Clinic Olé (Indigent Care and Shelter services)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements with Community Health Clinic Olé:

1. Renewal of Agreement No. 3740 for a maximum of \$95,000 for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 to provide indigent medical services; and
2. Memorandum of Understanding for the term October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, with a provision for automatic annual renewal, to provide primary medical services to clients residing at the South Napa Shelter.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested actions will allow Clinic Olé to provide:

1. mandated primary physical health care services to indigent patients referred from the Queen of the Valley Hospital Emergency Room after emergency/urgent specialty care has been rendered by that facility; and
2. preventive medical services at the South Napa Shelter to homeless Napa residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

- Discretionary Justification:** Renewal of Agreement No. 3740 will enable HHSA to pay Clinic Olé for the provision of medical care to indigent people and assist the County in meeting the State mandate of providing medical services to the indigent population.
- The Memorandum of Understanding is entirely discretionary. However, it does provide a needed preventive level of health care to Napa homeless residents at no cost to the homeless nor to the County.
- Is the general fund affected?** Yes
- Future fiscal impact:** Agreement No. 3740 terminates June 30, 2007.
- The Memorandum of Understanding expires June 30, 2007. However, it contains an automatic renewal clause, which allows the County to continue these services into the next fiscal year.
- Consequences if not approved:** If Agreement No. 3740 is not approved, Napa County will not have a contract for the provision of indigent care services and will need to find an alternative means of providing these mandated services.
- If the Memorandum of Understanding is not approved, the County will be unable to offer medical services to clients residing at the South Napa Shelter. If they don't get these preventive services, it is more than likely that the sick homeless will end up at some urgent care/emergency facility instead.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Renewal of Agreement No. 3740:

The County entered into an initial agreement with Clinic Olé in Fiscal Year 1995-1996 to provide primary medical services to indigent patients referred from Queen of the Valley Hospital Emergency Room. Per the agreement, after emergency/urgent care has been rendered by the Queen of the Valley Hospital Emergency Room, Clinic Olé then provides follow-up primary physical health care to the indigent patients. Each patient is assigned to a physician providing services at Clinic Olé. The Clinic also provides prescribed medications at its clinic to indigent patients and will arrange and pay for necessary medical care with a specialist as determined by clinical staff. The Clinic also participates in the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) and Medi-Cal outreach programs by having HHSA eligibility workers on site to enroll eligible patients in Medi-Cal or CMSP. The renewal of the agreement will enable the County to meet the State mandate that counties provide medical services to the indigent population (Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

New Memorandum of Understanding:

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding will allow Clinic Olé to provide direct primary care services at the South Napa Shelter. The Clinic will bill any insurance programs for which a patient is eligible to cover the cost of

the services. There will be no charge to shelter patients, shelter management (Community Action Napa Valley), or the County of Napa for these services.

Clinic sessions will be scheduled in consultation with HHSA and the shelter operator, Community Action of Napa Valley.

Upon approval of the MOU, Clinic Olé will provide the following services:

- | Non-invasive acute medical exams
- | In-house lab services including urine dips and hemoglobin finger sticks
- | External lab services
- | Phlebotomy (blood draws)
- | Miscellaneous procedures

The Agency has an executed Business Associate agreement on file for this provider.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita