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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director  
Health & Human Services Administration  
**REPORT BY:** Akon Walker, STAFF SERVICES ANALYST II - 253-4265  
**SUBJECT:** Health Care Coverage Enrollment Update

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Napa County Health Care Coverage Task Force representatives to provide an update on health care coverage outreach and enrollment activities.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) has expanded access to health care coverage through the creation of the Health Insurance Exchange and the optional state expansion of the federal-state Medicaid health insurance program. The Health Insurance Exchange creates a virtual marketplace in which individuals and families with incomes between 138 and 400% of the federal poverty level can purchase subsidized health insurance products during open enrollment periods. States that opted to expand their Medicaid program now provide coverage to eligible childless adults with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level.

California created a Health Insurance Exchange--Covered California--and opted to expand the Medi-Cal program to include the newly eligible ACA population. The successful implementation of the ACA coverage expansion requires the coordination of local efforts and agencies. Napa County Health and Human Services Agency, Community Health Clinic Ole, and Children's Health Initiative have partnered with numerous local agencies to create a Health Care Coverage Task Force to coordinate health care coverage outreach and enrollment efforts across the County.

Tanir Ami, CEO of Community Health Clinic Ole; Mark Diel, Executive Director of Children's Health Initiative; and Lynn Perez, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, will provide a brief update on the Napa County Health Care Coverage Task Force's efforts to enroll individuals and families in Medi-Cal and Covered California health care coverage plans.

**PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

No action required.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION****Community Health Clinic Ole**

For the past year Clinic Ole has been working to transform staffing to meet the demands of the Coverage Initiative of Health Care Reform. Specifically, Clinic Ole converted what was formerly known as the Outreach Department and restructured the team to become Member Services Representatives. Member Services Representatives welcome and orient new patients to Clinic Ole by first screening them for any health insurance options for which they are eligible and then helping them to enroll in and understand those options. Over the past seven months, Clinic Ole has assisted more than 2,800 families and enrolled more than 1,800 people in health insurance programs.

**Children's Health Initiative-Napa County**

Children's Health Initiative-Napa County (CHI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to achieving 100% healthcare coverage for all Napa County children and families. Working with 37 community partners and 42 schools, CHI's licensed, bilingual/bicultural staff reaches out to families in Napa County who need information and assistance in enrolling in affordable health insurance plans. Since our inception in 2005 we have enrolled over 16,000 uninsured Napa County residents in affordable, comprehensive health insurance. Once insured, we help children and families access healthcare providers, assist with billing issues, and provide re-enrollment assistance.

**Napa County Health and Human Services Agency, Self-Sufficiency Services Division**

The Napa County Health and Human Services Self-Sufficiency Services Division offers a range of services to meet the basic needs of the individuals and families it serves. These services include cash, food and medical assistance. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) made several major changes to the health care system, the most significant of which was the expansion of Medicaid coverage to populations with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level. To facilitate the implementation of ACA, county human services agencies are required to serve a large segment of California's population in an expeditious and coordinated manner. Counties began serving new and existing clients under the new health care requirements on October 1, 2013.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi