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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Declaration not to apply for Rural Health Funding for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Declaration of Intent Not to Apply for Rural Health Services Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This action continues the decision made in previous years not to apply for Rural Health Services (RHS) funding. The Board's action was originally taken in Fiscal Year 1994-1995 and has continued for each succeeding fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

This action continues the decision made in previous years not to apply for Rural Health Services (RHS) funding. The Board's action was originally taken in Fiscal Year 1994-1995 and has continued each succeeding

fiscal year. The decision not to apply for this funding was made after analysis of legislative action (Chapter 195, Statutes of 1994) that reduced funding available to Counties and authorized State use of the entire County portion of RHS funding in order to pay for the Children's Treatment Program. Napa County's decision not to apply for this funding means that the State will administer and pay for hospital and doctor services in rural areas without access to health care.

Current State law (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16990 (2) (d)) states that Maintenance of Effort requirements for RHS funding are not imposed upon Counties that have elected not to participate. This decision saves the County well over \$100,000 a year that the County would otherwise spend to offer Child Treatment Program services. The County's decision not to apply for RHS funds does not affect the ability of local hospitals and physicians to claim for reimbursement under the program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita