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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director of Health & Human Services
Health & Human Services Fiscal

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SUBJECT: Actions regarding New Agreements for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign the following agreements for the contractors to provide assistance with outreach, enrollment, retention, and utilization of Medi-Cal for all potentially eligible children/families throughout Napa County, each for the term September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

1. Agreement with St. Helena Family Center, Inc., for a maximum of \$24,000;
2. Agreement with Cope Family Center, Inc., for a maximum of \$31,500;
3. Agreement with One The Move, Inc., for a maximum of \$26,665;
4. Agreement with Spirit of Unity, Inc., doing business as Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center, for a maximum of \$20,000; and
5. Agreement with Children's Health Initiative, Inc., for maximum of \$80,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will enable the County's Health and Human Services Agency to launch a community-wide effort to outreach and enroll uninsured and potentially eligible residents in Medi-Cal coverage and to link them to needed health/behavioral health services. The essential component of this effort is subcontracting with qualified and interested Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to perform Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA). Currently, many CBOs are the first doors low income individuals and families walk into for services including information, referral and facilitation of application for public aid. Services such as these may be reimbursable under the MAA program. HHSA is the MAA administrator and the link to federal reimbursement.

St. Helena Family Center, Cope Family Services, On The Move, Spirit of Unity and Children's Health Initiative are local vendors.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	HHS- Health Care Enhancement Program
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	These agreements are discretionary in that there is no mandate to contract with these providers. However, these agreements will allow Health and Human Services to launch a community-wide effort to outreach and enroll uninsured and potentially eligible residents in Medi-Cal coverage and to link them to needed health/behavioral health services.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreements terminate June 30, 2014.
Consequences if not approved:	If this action is not approved, the Community Based Organization (CBO) Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) program, will not be implemented.
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

Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, or MAA, is the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal State Plan. The Medi-Cal State Plan identifies the Department of Health Care Services as the single state agency responsible for administering the federal Medicaid program (Medi-Cal in California) and also lays out the eligibility criteria for beneficiaries and the services that can be provided. Essentially, every activity and service that is to be claimed for federal financial participation (FFP) must be covered in the state plan. MAA also provided for in the state plan and implemented through the 1995 Medi-Cal Administrative Claiming (MAC) agreement, are the activities that support the overall Medi-Cal system, such as connecting potential eligibles to eligibility, and services, planning related to system capacity and general administration. This effort is also timely given that the critical milestone of expanded eligibility for Medi-Cal under the Affordable Care Act is quickly approaching and it is expected that thousands more residents will be eligible for Medi-Cal.

The Local Government Agency (LGA), or the designated entity responsible for administering MAA locally, is Napa County Health and Human Services Agency. The LGA may subcontract with CBOs and other local agencies to perform MAA. St. Helena Family Center, Cope Family Center, On The Move, Spirit of Unity and Children's Health Initiative are well regarded by the communities they serve and are very accessible to the target populations making them the perfect vehicle to have positive proactive impact in reaching the uninsured.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins