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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT NOTICE OF FUNDING FOR TWO GRANT AWARDS AND APPROVAL OF FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AGREEMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA FAMILY HEALTH COUNCIL
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept federal Title X funding in the form of two forthcoming grant awards from the California Family Health Council for: 1) the continued provision of family planning services at various County-operated sites throughout Los Angeles County for Calendar Years 2014 through 2016; and 2) HIV Integration Program to implement a project that will integrate routine HIV testing and linkage to HIV care and treatment in Title X family planning service sites, and bi-directional linkage services between Title X family planning services and Ryan White-funded HIV medical service sites in Service Planning Area (SPA) 6 effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2016.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to accept federal Title X funds and execute the forthcoming Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Title X Family Planning Program Agreement with the California Family Health Council (CFHC) effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of $688,300 with two successive periods through December 31, 2016, for the continued provision of family planning services in County-operated Title X Family Planning sites throughout Los Angeles.

2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to accept the three-year HIV Integration Program grant fund and execute the

forthcoming agreement with the CFHC effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 in the annual amount of $214,000, with two successive periods through August 31, 2016, to support integrated HIV testing and linkage to HIV care and treatment, and enhanced bi-directional linkage services between Title X Family Planning Services and Ryan White-funded HIV medical service sites in Service Planning Area 6.

3. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee; to accept future awards for federal Title X funds and execute future agreements with CFHC for Calendar Years 2015 and 2016 dependent on federal appropriation of funds, Title X priorities, and contract compliance; and to accept and execute any future agreement amendments to the Title X Family Planning Program that may increase and/or decrease the funding amount of the awards, in an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the base amount for each award period; and to make programmatic and/or administrative adjustments to the program goals and/or objectives accordingly.

4. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee; to accept future awards for HIV Integration Program funds and execute future agreements with CFHC for the two successive terms through August 31, 2016; to accept and execute any future agreement amendments to the HIV Integration Program that may increase and/or decrease the funding amount of the awards, in an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the base amount for each award period; and to make programmatic and/or administrative adjustments to the program goals and/or objectives accordingly.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the first and second recommendations will allow the Director, or his designee, to accept the grant awards and execute the forthcoming agreements to the Title X Family Planning Service and HIV Integration Program from CFHC.

Approval of the third and fourth recommendation will provide flexibility to the Director, or his designee, to accept and sign future awards for two successive terms for each Program and to sign any future amendments to the CFHC agreements that increase and/or decrease the amounts of each agreement up to fifty percent (50%), make non-material programmatic and/or administrative adjustments in order to continue the provision of the family planning services and HIV integration program services.

Title X Family Planning Program Grant Award

In June 2013, the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) submitted a competitive bid application to CFHC, and was notified on August 14, 2013 of its

success in competing for continued funding of Title X family planning services (Attachment A). DHS is awarded $688,300 for period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, with two successive one year periods through December 31, 2016. The funding amount of the each successor award period will be dependent on federal appropriation of funds, Title X priorities, and contract compliance.

The CY 2014 award represents a $172,073 reduction in funding from the prior Title X budget period. The Department was advised by CFHC that CHFC's funding parameters and reduced availability of federal funds contributed to the reduction in CY 2014 funding for Title X family planning programs.

HIV Integration Program Grant Award

The CFHC released a notice of a funding opportunity for a three (3) year grant offered by the Office of Population Affairs, through CFHC, to integrate routine HIV testing and linkage to HIV care and treatment in Title X family planning service sites. The funding opportunity was specifically designated for Title X-funded service grantees that had a Title X family planning grant in effect as of June 30, 2013. In addition, a limited number of grantees could receive additional funding to develop and implement enhanced, bi-directional linkage services between Title X services sites and Ryan White-funding HIV medical service sites, and to formulate best practices based on their experience. Applications were encouraged from sites in areas with high HIV prevalence and high number of at-risk clients, and applicants could not apply for projects that were beyond the scope and geographic area of the current Title X family planning projects.

The Department submitted an application for funding, and on September 4, 2013, received a notice of funding in the amount of $642,000 for a three year project period beginning with September 1, 2013 through August 30, 2014, with two successive one year periods thereafter (Attachment B).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, and Goal 3, Integrated Service Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Title X Family Planning Services

The total CFHC grant for CY 2014 Title X Family Planning Program is $688,300.

Funding is included in DHS FY 2013-14 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years as needed.

HIV Integration Program

The total HIV Integration Program grant award for the three year period is $642,000, which includes $590,000 in Salary and Employee Benefit and $52,000 in Services and Supplies.

Funding is included in DHS FY 2013-14 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years as needed.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Grant agreements will be reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

Title X Family Planning Program

For a number of years, your Board has authorized the acceptance of federal Title X Family Planning funds, approved Agreements with the CFHC, and approved County-operated sites for the provision of family planning services. The services provided through the Title X program include contraception, treatment of sexually transmitted infection, preventive services such as breast and cervical cancer screening, pregnancy tests and counseling, and education programs. These services are intended to assist individuals to determine the number and spacing of their children. Funding under this program does not support the provision of abortions.

DHS will use Title X grant award to offset existing DHS costs.

HIV Integration Program

Based on the DHS' previous demonstration project that implemented routine HIV screening and linkage to HIV care at Hubert H. Humphrey CHC (Humphrey CHC) adult medicine clinic, this project will link Title X clients who test positive by rapid test with same-day HIV counseling by a certified HIV counselor, and confirmatory testing at the co-located or nearest DHS HIV clinic. In addition, Title X clients testing positive will be scheduled for an HIV care appointment with a DHS HIV care physician within one (1) week of their positive screening test result.

The Department currently operates eight (8) Ryan-White supported HIV care clinics where persons living with HIV/AIDS receive specialty HIV care services with integrated primary, specialty, and hospital care delivery model. The three (3) safety-net clinics that will be participating in this study, 1) Humphrey CHC, 2) Oasis Clinic, and 3) H. Claude Hudson CHC are located in South Los Angeles (SPA 6) in a relatively high heterosexual risk of transmission area that has limited availability of HIV testing services.

Because of the geographic distribution of both Title X and Ryan-White HIV clinics throughout SPA 6, DHS is poised to provide this critical rapid screening, for both HIV and Reproductive Life Plan's (RLP's) and combine that screening with the bi-directional care links to meet the needs of the client.

DHS will use HIV Integration grant award to fund three FTE's, 2 Licensed Vocational Nurses and one Health Educator. DHS will also use grant funds to partially offset existing staff cost, and to support a variety of services and supplies, i.e., travel to a HIV Grantee meeting, local and regional conferences on HIV and high-risk family planning services, consultant services, office supplies.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

None.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommendations will enable the Department to continue in its process of transforming its health care delivery system to improve care coordination and to strengthen its integrated care delivery model for patients who are/or become clients of the County's Title X family planning program and who are residents in a high heterosexual risk of HIV transmission area of South Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

for Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

California Family Health Council

Attachment A

August 14, 2013

Erin Saleeby
Director of Women's Health Programs and Innovation
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services
1000 S. Fremont Avenue Bldg. A9-East, 2nd Floor
Alhambra, CA 91803

Dear Dr. Saleeby:

Thank you for your participation in the Title X family planning services competitive application process. California Family Health Council (CFHC) is pleased to offer your health care organization **$688,300** in Title X family planning services funds in 2014. CFHC received a significant number of applications and we congratulate you on your award.

Please complete and return the attached Notice of Grant Award Response form. This letter will serve as a preliminary award pending the response of all agencies that choose to either accept or decline their award offer.

In order to be eligible for funding, the enclosed form must have an original signature and be received at CFHC's Los Angeles office, 3600 Wilshire Blvd, #600, Los Angeles, CA 90010 on or before **August 23rd at 12:00 PM**. Please note that failure to return the signed original form by the deadline will result in denial of funding.

Upon receipt of your response form, you will be contacted by a Regional Program Manager to begin the implementation of your 2014 Title X contract. The 2014 contract will begin on January 1, and funding levels in 2015 and 2016 contract years will be dependent on factors including: federal grantee allocations, Title X priorities, and contract compliance.

Congratulations again on your successful submission. We look forward to partnering with you in 2014 to ensure access to quality sexual and reproductive health for all in the communities you serve. Please refer any questions to Matt Moyer, Director of Family Planning Programs at moyerm@cfhc.org.

Sincerely,

Julie Rabinovitz

Julie Rabinovitz, MPH
President and CEO

Attachment B

California Family Health Council

September 4, 2013

Ms. Erin Saleeby
Director of Women's Health Programs
Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
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Re: 2013-2014 HIV INTEGRATION PROGRAM LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Dear Ms. Saleeby:

California Family Health Council (CFHC) just received notification that we have been awarded the HIV Integration Grant for 2013-2016. We are pleased to be able to partner with you and other members of our diverse Title X provider network to support the integration of routine HIV testing and linkage to HIV care and treatment in Title X family planning service sites. While this is good news, we were also notified that the total award to CFHC was less than requested.

For the contract period September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014, CFHC authorizes Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to expend funds in the amount of $184,000 for the HIV Integration Program. In addition, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services has been awarded $30,000 for enhanced, bi-directional linkage services between Title X family planning services and Ryan White-funded HIV medical service sites.

As part of the Special Conditions in the grant award, we are required to submit revised documentation for approval by September 30th. Please submit revised budgets and Statements of Work reflecting the new funding amount to us by September 15th in order for us to meet our deadline. Once final approval is received, we will issue formal agreements and this Letter of Authorization will become null.

Please note that this award requires that 2 – 3 individuals from your agency attend the 2013 HIV Grantee Meeting, to be held in Washington, D.C., December 4 - 5, 2013. Registration and additional details about the meeting will be sent to you by October 1, 2013. Costs for travel and conference attendance should be maintained in your budget revision.

If you need any further assistance, please contact Aileen Barandas at barandasa@cfhc.org. We look forward to partnering with you to increase HIV prevention services at your health centers.

Sincerely,

Julie Rabinovitz
President and CEO

Cc: Rosalie Arguelles, Regional Program Manager
C: contract file