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January 05, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 January 5, 2016

PATRICK OZAWA
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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING NOTICE OF AWARD AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR NATIONAL HIV BEHAVIORAL SURVEILLANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming award and future awards and/or amendments from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for National HIV Behavioral Surveillance for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Award (NA) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), resulting from CDC-RFA-PS16-1601 National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS), for the anticipated period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at an amount estimated not to exceed \$1,087,325, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DPH, or her designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming NA referenced above that extend the term through December 31, 2020, at amounts determined by the CDC; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through June 30, 2021; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your

Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept forthcoming CDC funds to support NHBS activities.

The purpose of NHBS activities is to monitor the prevalence of HIV risk behaviors, HIV infection, and the use of HIV prevention programs among populations at increased risk for HIV. The NHBS system involves alternating cross-sectional surveys among men who have sex with men (MSM), injection drug users (IDU), heterosexuals at risk for HIV infection (HET), Young MSM (YMSM), and Transgender Women (TG), using both venue-based and respondent-driven sampling methods. The collected behavioral data is used to inform local HIV prevention planning as well as to contribute to a NHBS database. The overall goal of this surveillance effort is to maintain the NHBS system for monitoring long-term trends in HIV risk behaviors among high-risk populations in Los Angeles County (LAC).

DPH will also conduct viral hepatitis testing during the NHBS IDU cycle in 2018 that will enable DPH to estimate the prevalence of Hepatitis B and C in IDU. To accomplish these goals, DPH will:

- 1) Conduct annual behavioral surveys. DPH will monitor the prevalence of HIV risk behaviors and access to and use of HIV prevention by administering standardized questionnaires among MSM, IDU, HET, YMSM, and TG at risk of HIV infection across five NHBS cycles in LAC.
- 2) Offer HIV and Hepatitis B and C testing during the NHBS IDU cycle. DPH will provide rapid and standard HIV testing services to NHBS participants and use these outcome data to estimate HIV prevalence. DPH will also offer screening tests to detect evidence of Hepatitis B and C infection across five NHBS cycles.
- 3) Collaborate with local partners. DPH will engage local researchers in qualitative research activities and work with local community agencies to co-develop local-use survey questions and implementation strategies.
- 4) Evaluate the NHBS system. DPH will work collaboratively with the CDC to monitor the local quality, efficiency, and value of NHBS data collection and implementation methods.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming NAs to extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming NA from the CDC for the anticipated period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, at an amount estimated not to exceed \$1,087,325, as well as NAs for four subsequent terms, through December 31, 2020, at amounts to be determined by the CDC. These funds will support DPH personnel costs, operating expenses, and indirect costs.

Funding is included in DPH's fiscal year (FY) 2015-16 Adopted Budget, and will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 2003, with your Board's approval, DPH has accepted funding from the CDC to support NHBS activities in LAC.

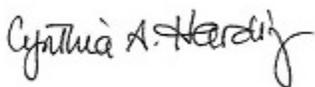
On February 15, 2011, your Board authorized DPH to accept NA Number 1U1BPS003256-01, in the amount of \$436,556, for the first year of the five year project period effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and delegated authority to accept future awards and/or amendments through December 31, 2015.

On May 6, 2015, the CDC released RFA-PS16-1601 for NHBS. Applications were due to the CDC on August 3, 2015. DPH submitted an application on July 13, 2015, for NHBS activities for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept grant funds to continue to monitor long-term trends in the prevalence of HIV risk behaviors among identified high-risk populations in LAC.

Respectfully submitted,



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