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December 10, 2013

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

16 DECEMBER 10, 2013

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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 IMPROVING STD PROGRAMS THROUGH ASSESSMENT, ASSURANCE, POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (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 to support improving STD Programs through Assessment, Assurance, Policy Development, and Prevention Strategies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Award (NA) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide STD Assessment, Assurance, Policy Development, and Prevention Strategies (AAPPS) for the anticipated period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, at an amount estimated not to exceed \$3,732,517 for STD AAPPS (Part A) and an amount estimated not to exceed \$25,000 for Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP- Part B), for an overall award estimated not to exceed \$3,757,517, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his 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, 2018 at amounts determined by 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, 2019; 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 CDC funds to expand STD prevention activities in Los Angeles County (County). Over the next five years, DPH will address local STD burden by: 1) building on core STD control and prevention activities including client screening (e.g., partner services, etc.); 2) conducting rigorous planning to assess and prioritize future program activities; and 3) mobilizing affected communities within the County to inform and engage in all aspects of STD prevention.

Approval of Recommendation 1 will also allow DPH to expand surveillance of STD cases, including congenital syphilis and antibiotic-resistant Gonorrhea, and vigorously monitor reporting and treatment compliance within the County. DPH will aggressively support STD prevention education through schools and new communications technologies. DPH will also implement client STD screenings, expand expedited partner therapy, and improve targeting of cutting-edge strategies and technologies. In addition, approval of this recommendation will allow DPH to continue the surveillance of a scientific sampling of gonococcal isolates to test for treatment resistance. DPH will rigorously evaluate and modify STD programs to achieve program goals while building collaborations with affected communities to help address disease disparities.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming NA 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, 2014

through December 31, 2014, at an amount estimated not to exceed \$3,757,517, as well as funding for four subsequent terms, through December 31, 2018, at amounts to be determined by the CDC. Funds will be used to increase client STD screenings, expand expedited partner therapy, improve targeting of partner services for priority populations, and implement cutting-edge strategies and technologies.

Funding is included in the fiscal year (FY) 2013 – 14 budget. Funding will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 14, 2013, the CDC released Request for Application (RFA) PS14-1402, Improving STD Programs through AAPPS, to eligible public health agencies across 50 states. The RFA consisted of two components: 1) Part A- STD AAPPS, which was noncompetitive; and 2) Part B-GISP, which was competitive. Los Angeles County was identified as one of the seven cities eligible to apply for Part A due to the overall STD disease burden of primary and secondary syphilis, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydia cases from 2006 to 2010 combined.

The purpose of the RFA was to strengthen STD prevention programs by: 1) increasing community screening and treatment per CDC guidance; 2) improving services for STD clients and their partners including linkage to care; 3) reducing re-infection; and 4) increasing community and provider knowledge of STD-related treatment, prevention, epidemiology, and effective policies. The RFA replaces the Comprehensive STD Prevention Systems grant currently awarded to DPH for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

On September 5, 2013, DPH submitted an application for both Parts A and B in response to RFA PS14-1402 Improving STD Programs through AAPPS. DPH anticipates receipt of an award by January 1, 2014.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept funds from the CDC to continue oversight and coordination of STD activities in the County.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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