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DATE: April 16, 2024 (Item No. 41)

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sara H. Cody, MD, Public Health Officer and Director of Public Health

SUBJECT: Agreement with Community Health Partnership for Opioid Prevention Activities

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve delegation of authority to the County Executive, or designee, to negotiate, execute, amend, or terminate agreement with Community Health Partnership relating to implementing overdose prevention activities in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 and a contract term that begins no earlier than April 16, 2024 and ends no later than August 31, 2028, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on August 31, 2028. A single source exception to competitive procurement has been approved by the Office of Countywide Contracting Management pursuant to Board of Supervisors Policy 5.6.5.1(D)(2)(a). (LA-1)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval of the recommended action would have no net impact to the County General Fund. This agreement would be funded with Overdose Data to Action: LOCAL (OD2A) awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The OD2A Grant funds for this agreement are included in the Public Health Department's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Adopted Budget.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

On September 1, 2023, the CDC notified the Public Health Department (PHD) that it had received funding for a five-year project intended for local health departments to implement data-informed strategies to reduce overdose morbidity and mortality in communities, with a primary focus on opioids and stimulants.

On January 23, 2024, County Procurement approved PHD to pursue a single source contract with Community Health Partnership (CHP) due to their network of community health centers and capacity to implement overdose prevention activities in those settings. A core component of the OD2A funding is to work with both community and healthcare settings. The PHD proposal and approved workplan includes strategies for working with community health

settings specifically on the following areas: (1) Linkage to and retention in care, (2) harm reduction, (3) stigma reduction, and (4) clinician best practices.

This agreement will ensure there is a community partner positioned and resourced to:

- Provide central leadership, coordination, and backbone support for overdose prevention activities throughout a consortium of community health centers; and
- Implement linkage to care and harm reduction activities via a high-touch model in two high-need clinical settings, Gardner Health Services (throughout Santa Clara County) and Peninsula Healthcare (Palo Alto).

Reasons for request of Delegation of Authority

Although delegations of authority are discouraged except under certain circumstances, this delegation of authority is requested in order to facilitate the timely execution of the agreement and implementation of opioid prevention activities.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action would have no/neutral impact on children. This particular project and funding source does not prioritize children, youth, and families specifically – though the net impact of decreased stigma, increased connection to treatment and care, and improved healthcare provider training on guideline concordant care of adults and caregivers will benefit children under care by impacted adults.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on seniors. Increased access to harm reduction and linkage services will benefit this population, which data suggest experience higher rates of overdose than younger age demographics.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action would have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Public Health Department would not be able implement overdose prevention activities in community health centers and will be delayed in expenditure of grant funds, which could jeopardize future funding allocations.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall notify Jasmine Luna of the Public Health Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Single Source for Community Health Partnership

