

Agenda Report

October 24, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Public Health Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, HEALTHY WAY LA HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE MATCHED PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services to participate as a provider in the Healthy Way LA Health Care Initiative Matched Program.

BACKGROUND:

In 1990, the federal government enacted the Ryan White Care Act to provide emergency assistance to localities across the United States that were disproportionately impacted by the HIV epidemic and to make financial assistance available to States and other public agencies as well as non-profit entities to provide for the development, organization, coordination, and operation of more effective and cost efficient systems for the delivery of services essential to people impacted by HIV.

Recently, the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) confirmed that the Care Act is a "payer of last resort." As a result, certain patients currently receiving outpatient medical care through providers participating in the Ryan White Care Act's outpatient medical care programs will now be eligible for outpatient medical care through county-level programs created under the Bridge to Health Care Reform Demonstration Project between the State of California and CMS. The County of Los Angeles is implementing this Bridge to Health Care Reform Demonstration Project as the Healthy Way Los Angeles Health Care Initiative Matched Program (HWLA).

For over 20 years, the City of Pasadena Public Health Department's Andrew Escajeda Comprehensive Care Services (AECCS) has been providing specialized HIV/AIDS medical outpatient care through the Ryan White Care Act. In order to ensure continuity

of care for current patients, it is crucial that the City of Pasadena enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services to become a Community Partner under the HWLA Program. This would allow current patients to have a smooth transition from coverage under the Ryan White Care Act to coverage under the HWLA Program. In addition, it would allow AECCS to continue receiving reimbursement for services, which had previously been covered by the Ryan White Care Act, as well as possibly see more new clients that qualify for the HWLA Program.

While this is a new contract, AECCS has been providing the same services under previous contracts, which compensated under the Ryan White Care Act. Therefore, there are no new liabilities or changes in staffing or procedures. The contract would simply prevent disruption in care for patients, as well as allow AECCS to continue being reimbursed for their medical outpatient services.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action by City Council aligns with the City's Strategic Plan Three-Year Goal to support and promote the quality of life and local economy by ensuring comprehensive care and continuity of service to HIV/AIDS patients who access their health care at the Pasadena Public Health Department's Andrew Escajeda Comprehensive Care Services.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This contract does not result in any new regulations, restrictions, or requirements. As such, the action is exempt from CEQA, because it has no potential for causing an effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:


This action will not have any indirect or support cost requirements. Entering into this contract would allow the City of Pasadena Public Health Department to continue receiving reimbursement for its HIV/AIDS medical outpatient services. In FY11, Ryan White Care Act funding totaled approximately \$1,141,000 in revenue for reimbursement of services. AECCS expects revenue from the HWLA Program to meet or exceed the funding previously received from the Ryan White Care Act.

Respectfully submitted,



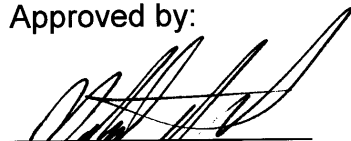
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