



To: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Date: 16 March 2015

Via: Jan Leshner 
Deputy County Administrator
Medical and Health Services

From: Francisco Garcia, Director 
Anne Walker, Division Manager

Re: Proposed Agenda Item for the Consent Calendar, Board of Supervisors Meeting April 7, 2015 --
Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Health Services (13-040489) for HIV Care and
Services, Amendment 3, GTAM 15*48

Introduction

The National HIV/AIDS Strategy, recommends scientifically proven and cost-effective interventions aimed to increase the percentage of people who know their serostatus and increase the proportion of those newly diagnosed who are linked to and stay in clinical care. Nationally, over 15% of people living with HIV/AIDS are unaware of their infection, and therefore present a greater risk of infecting others unknowingly. In Arizona, even for those living with HIV who are aware of their infection, only 47% initiated and stayed in medical care. The strategy of the Pima County Health Department is to strengthen the continuum of HIV care and treatment by connecting HIV positive people to quality HIV care as well as re-linking those people if they discontinue use.

Discussion

During the last funding cycle the Health Department worked collaboratively with ADHS to identify 156 Pima County residents who were HIV infected but no longer receiving HIV medical care. Health Department staff re-engaged 49 individuals to reconnect them with HIV care. Additionally staff identified that 20 of these individuals had left the County, 3 were not infected, and 19 were closed out due to lack of contact information. The remaining 65 cases will continue to undergo follow up with the resources provided by this contract amendment.

Historically, the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Pima County Health Department entered into an Inter Governmental Agreement for two years beginning April 1, 2013 to provide early intervention and access to HIV medical care and services for individuals living with AIDS and HIV. The initial annual allocation of these federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment funds was \$56,666. Amendment 3 provides year three funding of \$77,871 and extends the contract through March 31, 2018.

Under the terms of this agreement the Health Department will continue to conduct HIV case surveillance, assist local community based organizations with partner services, as well as coordinate linkage or re-linkage to care for individuals with HIV and AIDS in our community.

Financial Impact

There is no unbudgeted fiscal impact to the Health Department's General Fund.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Amendment 3.

☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved

C. Danielson
County Administrator

3/18/15
Date

C: Erica Smith, Senior Program Manager