

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Date:

18 March 2015

To:

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Pima County Administrator

From:

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Health Department Director

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Coordinator

Via: Jan Lesher - Deputy County Administrator

Re:

Proposed Item for Consent Calendar, Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 7, 2015 -

Enrollment Assistance Program Contract with Arizona Family Health Partnership,

Amendment 1, GTAM 15*50

Background

The Arizona Family Health Partnership, together with the Pima County Health Department and Enroll America, applied for and received a grant to place health insurance enrollers in Health Department clinics where Title X family planning services are provided. The award for Pima County was \$165,000. These funds are to pay for three grant-funded Certified Application Counselors (CACs) and a part time Project Coordinator. The budget originally required hiring within 90 days from start of the grant term (Sept. 30, 2014) until the end of the term on August 31, 2015. The PCHD program goal was to enroll 1,500 clients that utilize our family planning services.

Discussion

Having CACs in the County's three Family Planning clinics will allow our clients to receive assistance not only to enroll in a health insurance plan but also to have the concepts of health insurance explained to them. Based on the Affordable Care Act and the recent expansion of Medicaid, it is essential to bring in knowledgeable professionals to help inform our clients of the best health insurance coverage available to them. In addition, this program will allow the PCHD the opportunity to collect payment from health plans for services provided for our clients.

Delays in hiring resulted in the new CACs not beginning work with the County until February 2015. As a result \$66,000 of the current contract will remain unexpended. This amendment decreases the award amount to \$99,000, and decreases the total clients served to 750 clients.

Financial Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval.

Approved

Not Approved

County Administrator

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