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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT #1 TO BREAST CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM
AGREEMENT AND TO SUBCONTRACT WITH VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Execute the Amendment #1 to Agreement No. 96-26676 with the State Department of Health Services Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP), period of March 1, 1997 to February 29, 2000, increasing the amount by \$134,367 for a new total of \$974,337.
- B. Execute the Amendment #1 to Agreement with County of Ventura Public Health Department, period of March 1, 1997 to February 29, 2000, increasing the amount by \$20,972 for a new total of \$220,877.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 - Ensure a safe and healthy community in which to live, work, and visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In 1997, your Board authorized Agreement No. 96-26676 with the State of California Department of Health Services for the implementation of the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP), period of March 1, 1997 - February 29, 2000 for the amount of \$839,970. The Agreement provides for the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department to be the administrative agency in the implementation of BCEDP in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties (Tri-Counties Regional Partnership). This program links

eligible low-income, uninsured women over the age of forty to free breast cancer screening and diagnostic services. Partnerships were created in each county to reflect the ethnic, racial, cultural, and geographic diversity of the Tri-Counties region to include low-income women, breast cancer advocacy groups, health care providers, women's organizations, senior citizen groups, and other agencies serving the target population. The partnerships have been instrumental in conducting a needs assessment, recruiting and providing technical assistance to BCEDP providers and offering outreach and education to women. Since its inception in June of 1995, the Tri-Counties Regional Partnership has screened approximately 5,500 women and diagnosed 45 cases of breast cancer. This augmentation of \$80,620 in Fiscal Year 98/99 and \$53,747 in Fiscal Year 99/00 will help increase the number of women screened through BCEDP by 40%.

This phase of the project focuses on the following key areas: 1) outreach and education through the awarding of community grants and media contracts; 2) rescreening of women already seen through BCEDP; 3) provider technical assistance; 4) provider continuing education; 5) referral of women to support services; and 6) identification of treatment resources for women diagnosed with breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that in the Tri-Counties Region 870 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in 1999. Although BCEDP's official mandate is to be a screening and diagnostic program, Public Health Nurses are responsible for linking women diagnosed with breast cancer to the Breast Cancer Treatment Fund (BCTF). The BCTF was established in 1996 with a \$12.8 million dollar grant from Blue Cross. This funding will last until June of 1999. At that time, BCTF will continue to operate with an \$8.3 million dollar grant just awarded from the California Endowment, and expected to last through December of 2000. Currently, there are two bills before the California legislature that would provide treatment for low-income, uninsured women – one is AB 40 (Wayne) and the other is SB 1154 (Speier). Without further funding to the BCTF or mandated legislation providing treatment services, the County Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) program will have to absorb these costs for those that qualify.

- A. Your Board is requested to execute Amendment #1 to the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program Agreement 96-26676, period of March 1, 1997 - February 29, 2000, increasing the amount by \$134,367 for a new total of \$974,337. The current augment to the budget will increase the number of women screened annually by 40%, ensure continuous quality improvement through site visits and data collection, and provide more continuing education opportunities for our participating clinicians.

	<u>FY 96/97</u>	<u>FY 97/98</u>	<u>FY 98/99</u>	<u>FY 99/00</u> 8 months	<u>TOTAL</u>
Original	\$93,300	\$280,000	\$280,000	\$186,670	\$839,970
Increase	0	0	\$80,620	\$53,747	\$134,367
Amended Total	\$93,300	\$280,000	\$360,620	\$240,417	\$974,337

- B. Your Board is requested to execute Amendment #1 to the Contract with County of Ventura Public Health Department, period of March 1, 1997 - February 29, 2000, increasing the amount by \$20,972 for a new total of \$220,877. This increase to the Ventura contract will provide for an additional .25 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to be added to the Health Educator's hours bringing the position to a .75 FTE.

	<u>FY 96/97</u>	<u>FY 97/98</u>	<u>FY 98/99</u>	<u>FY 99/00</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Original	\$22,935	\$66,072	\$66,921	\$43,977	\$199,905
Increase	0	0	\$9,064	\$11,908	\$20,972
Amended Total	\$22,935	\$66,072	\$75,985	\$55,885	\$220,877

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is not a mandated program. This augmentation of \$80,620 in Fiscal Year 98/99 and \$53,747 in Fiscal Year 99/00 will help increase the number of women screened through BCEDP by 40%.

The Breast Cancer Act of 1993 (Chapters 600 and 661, Statutes of 1993) allocated an additional two cent cigarette tax, totaling approximately \$34 million annually, to establish a Breast Cancer Fund. Half of the money raised by the tax supports breast cancer research and the other half of the revenue is administered by the California Department of Health Services for BCEDP throughout the state. This new law became effective January 1, 1994 allowing health care providers to invoice the State/BCEDP for screening procedures performed for eligible women.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The BCEDP Agreement for 1998-1999, including the First Amendment, funds the cost of direct services and \$33,174 of departmental indirect costs. Cost of Living Allowances (COLAs) for all staff will be also be covered. The remaining departmental indirect and County A87 Plan overhead costs, estimated at \$27,371, cannot be recovered through this Agreement. Acceptance of the First Amendment to the Agreement does not increase the department’s overhead or A87 Plan allocation.

The fiscal year 1998-1999 adjusted Public Health Department budget for BCEDP is \$360,620. The First Amendment from the State provides revenue in the amount of \$134,367 spanning two fiscal years. Pending approval of this Amendment, the Public Health Department will return to your Board with a budget revision bringing in \$80,620 of unanticipated revenue and off-setting appropriation in: Fund 0042, Department 041, Revenue Account 4339, various Expenditure accounts, and Program 1275.

The remaining \$53,747 Fiscal Year 1999-2000 portion of augmentation will be included in the 1999-2000 proposed budget.

This Agreement amendment does not represent any need for an increase in facilities.

Special Instructions:

Return two (2) copies of the agreement with original signatures and six (6) copies of face sheets with original signatures to Public Health Department, Calle Real Campus, Attention Susan Forkush.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, and Risk Management