



HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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April 6, 1999

AGENDA: April 20, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95061

RE: APPROVAL OF 1999-2000 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS (HOPWA) FUNDS AND RELATED ACTIONS

Dear Board Members:

The Health Services Agency is requesting authorization to apply for \$79,711 in renewal funding from the federal Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. As in previous years, the funding application requires the attached certification authorizing the Santa Cruz County HIV Services Consortium to allocate HOPWA funds according to local needs. The completed application will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board on or before April 30, 1999.

The local HIV Services Consortium was established by Title II of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Emergency (CARE) Act to enable low-income persons with HIV infections to receive health and social services based on identified community needs. The Consortium sets funding priorities for the local allocation of federal Title II and HOPWA funds and recommends the contractors to provide the services. As Consortium fiscal agent, the County negotiates and administers the service agreements. The 1999-2000 Title II Consortium services agreements were previously approved by your Board on February 9, 1999.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which administers the HOPWA funds, requires a Board-approved certification that the local HIV Services Consortium is authorized to recommend the use of HOPWA funds within Santa Cruz County. The State Office of AIDS determines each County's annual HOPWA allocation according to HUD guidelines. The Santa Cruz County allocation of \$79,711 is a slight increase over last year's amount and will be used for two service contracts (\$74,131) and to offset HSA's administrative costs as fiscal agent (\$5,580).

While the Consortium's contract recommendations have not yet been finalized, it is expected that existing agreements with the Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP) and the Community Action Board will be renewed in the estimated amounts as follows for 1999-2000: 68

- **Santa Cruz AIDS Project:** SCAP will receive \$65,405 in HOPWA funding for its rental/utilities assistance fund, its food bank, for partial funding of a residential housing coordinator position, and for case management services provided by social workers at SCAP's congregate living facility, Perlman House. Approximately 85 clients will be served through the rental/utilities assistance funds and another 38 will receive social services related to housing.
- **Community Action Board (CAB):** CAB will receive funds to provide emergency housing assistance in the form of motel vouchers for people with HIV/AIDS who would be at risk living exposed to the elements or sleeping in a communal shelter. The purpose of the assistance is to stabilize the household or individual while other transitional housing can be found. Twenty clients will receive assistance for up to four weeks each. The total contract amount is expected to be \$8,726.

Funding for Consortium services is included in HSA's 1999-2000 budget request. The agreements with SCAP and CAB, with the finalized contract amounts, will be included on the 1999-2000 Continuing Agreements List and will be processed after the County budget is adopted in June.

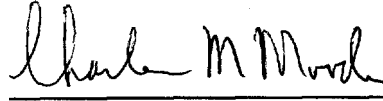
As in previous years, HSA is requesting authorization to execute amendments to the HOPWA Consortium service agreements to reflect minor program adjustments or to increase or decrease the total amount of any contract by up to 10% of the originally approved amount. Such adjustments and changes may be necessary during the year because of revised funding priorities by the local HIV Services Consortium or to accommodate State revisions. These service agreements are not County funded and any changes would be within current State funding limits and State contractual authorization. HSA will return to your Board for approval of any major contract amendments or funding changes.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to negotiate and sign the 1999-2000 HIV Consortium agreements for HOPWA funded services, effective July 1, 1999, with the Santa Cruz AIDS Project and the Community Action Board, as described above.
2. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to sign the State Standard Agreement for 1999-2000 HOPWA funding when received.
3. Authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the attached Certification designating the Santa Cruz County HIV Services Consortium **as** the organization to allocate HOPWA funds within the County for fiscal year 1999-2000; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two signed Certifications to the Health Services Agency for processing with the State.

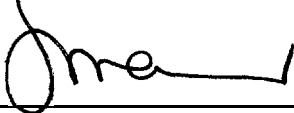
5. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to execute amendments as needed to the HOPWA funded HIV Consortium services agreements that reflect minor program changes or that increase or decrease the individual contract amounts by up to 10% of the originally approved amounts.

Sincerely,



Charles M. Moody, HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
HSA Administration
HIV Services Consortium
Santa Cruz AIDS Project
Community Action Board

CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR ALLOCATION OF HOPWA FUNDS THROUGH LOCAL CONSORTIUM

I, _____, duly authorized to act on behalf of the
(Printed or Typed Name and Title)

County Board of Supervisors for _____ County, hereby approve
(Name of County)

the following local consortium, as designated by the California Department of Health Services,

Office of AIDS, to undertake eligible activities under the Housing Opportunities for Persons

With AIDS (HOPWA) program

(Name of Local Consortium)

(County Board of Supervisors, Authorized Signature)

Date: _____