

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Agreement With the California Department of Health Services for the Chlamydia Screening Project and the Syphilis Elimination Initiative, and First Amendment to Agreement No. 28331 With California State University Long Beach Foundation to Provide Syphilis and Chlamydia Prevention Outreach (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since January 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has provided a Chlamydia Screening Project (CLaSP) under a grant from the State of California Department of Health Services (State). Under CLaSP, the DHHS staff provides outreach, education, and screening services to high-risk groups, instructing them in methods to prevent chlamydia. The program utilizes the DHHS mobile clinic and staff to identify and screen eligible adolescents and young adults who are at risk for contracting chlamydia and would not otherwise have access to clinic-based testing services.

The CLaSP project provides chlamydia screening to 800 youth annually. Those who test positive are referred to treatment services at the DHHS Preventive Health Clinic on Grand Avenue. In addition, clients are given health education services to increase their knowledge and skills about prevention and treatment of chlamydia and other sexually-transmitted diseases (STD).

Under the same agreement, the DHHS has also been awarded funding to implement a Syphilis Elimination Initiative (SEI). The SEI is part of a national and statewide effort to eliminate syphilis. The SEI requires that thirty percent of the agreement amount (\$24,750) be awarded to a local community-based organization. The only community-based organization that has the capability to do syphilis testing and outreach is through the California State University Long Beach (CSULB) Foundation, which accepts funding for the CSULB Center for Behavioral Research and Services (CBRS). The CBRS has been an instrumental partner to the DHHS by providing syphilis outreach, education, testing, and screening to the community. CBRS has proven its ability to provide quality services that meet the needs of the community served. CBRS has also provided similar services under Agreement No. 28331 for syphilis-related STD screening activities from 2002 – 2004. The DHHS submitted a scope of work to the State to partner with CBRS to conduct syphilis outreach and testing. The State approved the scope of work.

The remaining \$57,750 will be utilized by the DHHS to produce public service announcements on local cable television and to fund the Gay Men's Health Summit (GMHS) being planned for February 26, 2005. In 2003, through the SEI, the DHHS sponsored the GMHS, which reached over 150 gay and bisexual men. Summit participants received free syphilis testing, training on syphilis and STD prevention, healthy lifestyle promotion, mental health, partner violence prevention, and other health and social issues that impact the quality of life of gay and bisexual men.

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In order to fulfill the SEI requirements, it will be necessary to amend the original agreement with the CSULB Foundation (Agreement No. 28331) to conduct syphilis outreach, testing, and screening to gay and bisexual men in Long Beach by adding \$24,750 to the original agreement and extending the terms from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Funding in the amount of \$117,500 has been provided to support the programs for one year (the budget for CLaSP is \$35,000, and the budget for the SEI is \$82,500). Both of the programs run from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on December 20, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on December 15, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on January 4, 2005, as DHHS has been providing services under this agreement since July 1, 2004 but cannot recover costs from the State until the agreement is approved.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$117,500 for one year. All program costs will be covered by grant funds. An appropriation for this amount is included in the recommended action.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

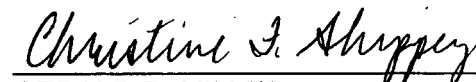
1. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the State of California Department of Health Services to provide services under the Syphilis Elimination Initiative and the Chlamydia Screening Project Grant Programs and all subsequent amendments to these programs in an amount not to exceed \$117,500 for the initial one-year period;
2. Execute the First Amendment to Agreement No. 28331 with California State University Long Beach Foundation, for a total of \$24,750 extending the agreement for a one-year period; and
3. Increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$117,500.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



for
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