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June 16, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), including any subsequent amendments, with Local Initiative Health Authority for Los Angeles County, dba L.A. Care Health Plan, for the coordinated provision of Targeted Case Management Services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, with the option to extend the MOU for one additional five-year period, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Since 1997, the Health and Human Services Department (Health Department) has provided Targeted Case Management (TCM) services to both eligible Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal beneficiaries under an agreement with the State of California Department of Health Care Services (State).

On February 5, 2019, the City Council approved the current agreement with the State, which became effective on July 1, 2019, and continues in full force and effect until terminated by either party. Under this agreement, Health Department staff assists eligible clients with significant health needs with accessing critical medical, social, educational, and other services. This year, over 400 individuals received case management services through TCM from the Health Department, the beneficiaries being mostly children and medically fragile individuals.

The current MOU, effective July 1, 2015 with L.A. Care Health Plan (L.A. Care), a Managed Care Health Plan provider for Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Los Angeles County, expires on July 1, 2020. L.A. Care has been providing TCM services since July 2015. The State requires the Health Department to enter into a renewal MOU with L.A. Care to ensure there is no duplication of services between the Health Department's TCM Program and the medical case management services provided by L.A. Care. The term of this MOU will be for a five-year period; however, the MOU may be terminated with or without cause by either party, at any time, by providing a 30-day written notice.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on May 20, 2020 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on May 29, 2020.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 16, 2020, to ensure the MOU is fully executed prior to the July 1, 2020 start date.

FISCAL IMPACT

The MOU will ensure there is no duplication of services by L.A. Care and the Health Department. There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with this recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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KELLY COLOPY DIRECTOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA CITY MANAGER