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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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SUBJECT: Agreement With Los Angeles County to Provide Capacity Building
for HIV/AIDS Provider Network Services (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (County) has recently requested the City of Long Beach to establish and maintain a network of service providers within Service Planning Area (SPA) 8 that will coordinate the provision of services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The goal of this program is to improve coordination of services and minimize duplication of efforts by building collaborative relationships among local service providers located within SPA 8 and to develop a system that will conduct unified intakes and assessments.

There are an estimated 52,500 people living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County. Of those, approximately 8,200 reside in SPA 8; and of that number, 5,000 are from Long Beach. A majority of people with HIV/AIDS are co-infected with tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, mental health and substance abuse problems. The proposed project will be the first time agencies providing this wide range of services will work to address the problems of persons with HIV/AIDS in a coordinated fashion. The project will expedite client referrals between agencies making client care as seamless as possible. Additionally, providers will be cross-trained in order to assist clients with their needs and to provide clients with health education and disease prevention tools.

Under the agreement, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will work with medical and social services providers within SPA 8, which includes Long Beach and the South Bay Area, to coordinate treatment, education, and prevention efforts for people living with HIV/AIDS. During the first year of the agreement, the DHHS will establish the Service Provider Network in SPA 8, conduct an inventory to identify existing services and data networks, and develop

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a referral and data collection system. Activities in future grant years will include program oversight and maintenance of the data collection systems. The amount of the agreement is \$300,000 from September 14, 2004 through February 28, 2007.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on November 22, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 24, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The DHHS has been providing services under this agreement since September 14, 2004. Therefore, City Council action is requested on December 14, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the agreement is \$300,000 from September 14, 2004 through February 28, 2007. An appropriation increase of \$150,000 is included in the recommended action below. The remaining \$150,000 will be appropriated through the FY 06 budget approval process.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:


Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with Los Angeles County to implement the Capacity Building for Provider Network Services program in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, from September 14, 2004 through February 28, 2007, and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$150,000.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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