

City of Long Beach



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a first amendment, and any subsequent amendments, to the current agreement between the City of Long Beach and the State Department of Health Services, to extend the term of the agreement for the provision of HIV/AIDS preventive health services through December 31, 2014, and to add \$602,972, for a total agreement amount of \$935,472. (Citywide)

Since 1988, the State Department of Health Services (State) has contracted with the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) to provide both anonymous and confidential targeted HIV testing services. Anonymous and confidential targeted HIV testing in our health care setting is performed, most often by rapid testing, with and without counseling. Targeted testing takes place based on patient requests and/or as assessed due to results of a client self-assessment questionnaire. The questionnaire is used to determine whether the patient will receive a low-risk or high-risk intervention.

Targeted HIV testing services in healthcare settings are provided in the family planning, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD), and Tuberculosis (TB) ambulatory clinics. When mobile clinic outings are staffed by licensed midlevel practitioners, HIV testing is provided at venues frequented by individuals considered to be at risk. Often, patients are referred for testing services to the ambulatory STD Clinic site by community providers and Health Department staff working in mental health, Women, Infant and Child, public health nursing or other services due to identified risk behaviors by these providers. Additionally, the mobile clinic provides testing at the health centers located at the Long Beach community college campuses, Cal State University Dominguez Hills and Cal State University Long Beach, and the Sunburst Academy National Guard Youth Foundation. The mobile clinic also provides testing at The Children's Clinic, one of our community partners providing health care services.

On December 10, 2013 the City Council authorized an agreement with the State, in the amount of \$332,500 to provide these services for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2013. The State has subsequently amended this agreement to provide an additional \$602,972 in funding, and has extended the term of this agreement through December 31,2014. The amended amount of this agreement now totals \$935,472.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on March 13, 2014 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 25, 2014.

Council action is requested on April 15, 2014 in order to have a signed amendment back to the State Department of Health Services by April 30, 2014.

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The City will receive an amended amount of \$935,472 for the period of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this action.

Approve recommendation.

KELLY COLOPY DIRECTOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER