

The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department



TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health and Human Services Department

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution with the California Department of Public Health for the California Strengthening Public Health Initiative.

DATE: October 24, 2023

NUMBER: 527/2023

Recommendation

1. Adopt the resolution of the Board authorizing the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Director to accept, transfer and administer funds allocated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the California Strengthening Public Health Initiative (CASPHI) for the period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2027;
2. Authorize the Director to execute all documents as required by allocation and the resultant grant and to amend contracts for additional or lesser funding.

Background

On December 4, 2022, CDPH received a Notice of Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for CAPSHI funds to be allocated to local health departments. These funds can be applied to three strategic areas: Public Health Workforce, Public Health Foundational Capabilities, and Public Health Data Modernization. Yuba County has been allocated a total of \$650,584 for the five-year term of this funding.

Discussion

HHSD intends to utilize this funding to support a Project Manager position to lead the CalAIM Justice-Involved implementation for the Yuba County Jail and the Tri-County Detention Center as stipulated by California Statute AB133.

California Statute AB-133 Health; Chapter 143, Statutes 2021 mandated counties to implement all of the following components for their correctional facilities no earlier than April 1, 2024 and no later than March 2026:

1. Screen inmates who meet specific clinical criteria (e.g., pregnant, chronically ill, or behavioral health needs) in the 90 days prior to re-entry to stabilize their health, assess their health, social, and economic needs, and provide intensive care management to prepare for a successful re-entry into the community.
2. Provide “warm handoffs” to health care providers to ensure that inmates who require behavioral and other health care services, medications, and other medical equipment (e.g., a wheelchair), have what they need upon re-entry.
3. Offer intensive, community-based care coordination for individuals at re-entry, including through Enhanced Care Management, when eligible.
4. Make Community Supports (e.g., housing or food support) available upon re-entry if offered by their managed care plan.
5. Provide funding to build capacity for workforce, technology changes, data sharing, and infrastructure to support justice-involved initiatives.

These components are complex and require coordination across multiple stakeholders including: the Jail and Tri-County Detention Center, the Jail and Tri-County Detention Center’s Contracted Medical Provider (WellPath), Health and Human Services, Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health, community-based organizations, and Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans. This will also require the assessment and development of effective and efficient processes, protocols, and evaluations to facilitate adequate medical and behavioral screening, electronic health record documentation, data sharing, care coordination, and selection of an entity to bill Medi-Cal for 90-day pre-release services.

The CASPHI funding is intended to address health disparities affected disproportionately by impacted populations. Incarcerated individuals are at substantially higher risk of poor health outcomes and are most impacted by structural and social determinants of health. A Project Manager funded by this CASPHI funding would allow Yuba County to implement a Whole-Person Care approach not only to fulfill the state’s statute of AB133 but to address the underlying drivers of health for the incarcerated population of our county.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was bypassed due to the routine nature of this request.

Fiscal Impact:

Budget

- Board Approved FY 2023-2024 Budget Appropriation

Total Projected Cost

- 5-year contract at \$130,116 per year total cost of \$650,584

Source of Funds

- Non-General Fund \$650,584 State Funding
 - California Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure (CASPHI)

Attachments

527/2023 CASPHI Resolution