RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-713

MEETING: December 17, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: CMSP Local Indigent Care Needs Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the Submittal of an Application for the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) - Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) for $50,000 Planning Funds to Implement a Community Information Exchange (CIE) Program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The current opportunity we are seeking Board approval to apply for is the Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Program. The CMSP Governing Board seeks to expand the delivery of locally-directed indigent care services for low-income uninsured and underinsured adults that lack access to health, behavioral health and associated support services in CMSP counties. The principal goals of the LICN Program are promoting timely delivery of necessary medical, behavioral health and support services to locally identified target populations; link these populations to other community resources and support; and, improve overall health outcomes for these target populations.

Given the adoption of a Systems of Care approach within HHSA, our team would use LICN funds, if awarded, to plan the design and implementation of a Community Information Exchange (CIE). A CIE is a software application that can share information across various collaborative entities for improved care coordination and case management. The CIE will also serve as a data repository so that we can better capture data and measure outcomes. The CIE will also has a public-facing side that will allow community members to identify and access services that may benefit them.

After successful planning, HHSA intends to apply in March for a CIE grant in the amount of $500,000 per year for 3 years, or a total of $1.5 million to support the CIE project.

Please see the attached memo for additional information.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Board can choose to not apply for the CMSP Grant and HHSA will need to seek alternative funding sources for the implementation of a CIE in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
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The Project will be fully funded by CMSP with a 10% in-kind match from HHSA Staff time to work on this Project.

ATTACHMENTS:
Memo - Additional Background on County Medical Services Program (CMSP) (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
December 6, 2019

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Chevon Kothari

Re: Additional Background on County Medical Service Program

The County Medical Services Program (CMSP) was established in January 1983, when California law transferred responsibility for providing health care services to indigent adults from the State of California to California counties. This law recognized that many smaller, rural counties were not in the position to assume this new responsibility. Thirty-five rural counties throughout California, including Mariposa, participate in CMSP. CMSP is funded by State Program Realignment revenue.

CMSP beneficiaries are medically indigent adults, ages 21 through 64, who meet CMSP’s eligibility criteria and are not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal or Covered California. County welfare departments in participating counties handle eligibility for and enrollment in CMSP. All CMSP members must be residents of a CMSP county and their incomes must be less than or equal to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The CMSP Governing Board operates a number of grant-funded pilot projects, including the Health Systems Development and Wellness and Prevention grant programs, and two healthcare workforce development programs. Mariposa County has received both the Wellness & Prevention Grant and the Systems Improvement Grant through CMSP.