

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

BOARD AGENDA # *B-9

Urgent Routine *KL*

AGENDA DATE September 18, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

PROGRESS REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP GRANT WITH CSA TO REDUCE
TEEN PREGNANCY

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

ACCEPT THE PROGRESS REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP GRANT WITH CSA TO
REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY.

FISCAL
IMPACT:

None.

BOARD ACTION

No. 2001-709

On motion of Supervisor Simon , Seconded by Supervisor Caruso
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Mayfield

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Deputy

Christine Ferraro

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**DISCUSSION
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Teen pregnancy is often cited as a cause of economic dependency on the social service system, low birth rate babies and increases in the incidence of child abuse. Teen parents are often unable to complete their education and become self-sustaining, productive members of the community.

Stanislaus County's Health Services Agency has sought to address the teen pregnancy issue through a variety of methods including the provision of family planning services. Nine ambulatory care medical offices located strategically throughout Stanislaus County provide family planning services as defined by Title X and the California State Office of Family Planning. In addition to basic family planning services, the Title X program also requires:

- Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention efforts
- Community advisory participation
- Evaluation of educational materials
- Chart audits and quality improvement

Although family planning medical office visits are reimbursed at the same level as Medi-Cal, the mandated family planning counseling and education services are not billable. Also, the reimbursement for the more expensive, long-term contraceptive methods is less than the full cost. Further, there is no mechanism to incorporate the cost of service delivery to the community on an outreach basis for substance-abusing women.

HSA was incurring \$486,331 in unreimbursed salary expenses annually to provide the above extra family planning services required but not funded by Title X and \$108,676 annually in unreimbursed contraceptive costs.

As TANF was being implemented in Stanislaus County, HSA's Family Planning staff researched the four purposes of TANF. Purpose number three is, **"To prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies.** Under this purpose, HSA staff recognized an opportunity to enter into a collaborative Inter-Agency Agreement with the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency (CSA) to expand and enhance our family planning program and offset unreimbursed costs through TANF funds.

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In July of 2000, the Board of Supervisors approved this innovative approach to expanding family planning services in the County through a contractual agreement with the Community Services Agency to expend CalWORKS incentive monies for the Family Planning Outreach Program. Stanislaus County was the first county in California to use TANF funds for family planning services. Providing these services at non-traditional family planning sites, such as our nine medical offices, has further encouraged patients to access services.

The Inter-Agency Agreement transferred \$203,998 from CSA TANF funds to HSA. Our goal was to increase access to family planning services county-wide with special attention to the communities of Waterford, Oakdale, Riverbank, Patterson, and Newman. Our objectives included a 10% increase in services and a 5% increase to male clients based on the current California Department of Health Service's report of unmet needs. We were able to meet this goal within the first six months of the program by expending only 50% of the contract award.

Services provided to date include:

Location/ Service Provided	Activities Year-To-Date
Patterson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of counseling sessions, education, and limited exams 4 hours per week at the Agency's WIC site in Patterson initiated 2nd quarter FY 2001. ▪ Discussions with local medical provider to expand family planning services and accept referrals for ongoing family planning and health care needs identified by clients served by HSA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 patient exams ▪ 476 participants in education/ counseling sessions
Oakdale/ Riverbank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outreach to community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initiated and continue dialogue with superintendent regarding health curriculum in Oakdale Unified grades 7-12. Anticipate final proposal by Spring 2002. ▪ Participating in Oakdale family support network ▪ Participated in the Oak Valley Hospital's Women's Health Fair and will be participating again 9/01 (20

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Location/ Service Provided	Activities Year-To-Date
	participants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Door to door outreach campaign reaching 60 participants ▪ Provision of health services at Rio Altura Head Start (8 patients seen)
School Presentations for parents:	School Presentations For Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wakefield Elem.: 30 participants ▪ Turlock JR High: 35 participants ▪ Johansen High School: 20 participants ▪ Patterson High School: 30 participants ▪ Fairview Elem: 75 participants ▪ Salida/Northmead: 75 participants ▪ Hanshaw Middle School: 200 participants
Targeted outreach to TANF recipients during CSA's Job Readiness Orientation sessions and at Job Club in concert with BHRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentations daily 4 times a week ▪ 988 Attendees YTD
Outreach at special events, schools, health fairs, and Turlock swap meet.	Special events / outreach at the following site yielding 1407 contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ceres High School ▪ Modesto Jr College ▪ CSUS ▪ Cambodian Wat Temple ▪ Women's Jail ▪ Christian Love Baptist ▪ Stanislaus Youth Pastors ▪ Vintage Fair Mall ▪ Maddux Youth Center ▪ King-Kennedy Center ▪ Turlock Swap Meet

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Updated teen pregnancy rates for the period of this grant will not be available from the State until January 2002. As reported in April in the Agency's Community Health Report Card, the teen pregnancy rate continues to decline in Stanislaus County and Statewide. This encouraging trend is due to many factors including increased partnerships in the communities throughout the County, increased availability of services, and families involved in addressing teen pregnancy.

HSA estimates that each teen pregnancy that is averted results in savings to the health system of \$872.98. There is a saving of \$5.85 for medical costs incurred per dollar spent on contraception. We estimate that \$50,000 spent on the Family Planning Outreach Program has resulted in over \$300,000 in total medical costs saved. Our outreach efforts have expanded to non-county providers serving pregnant teens as well as to family planning education being incorporated into TANF recipient orientations. Through presentation of this solution to other counties, we have heard that many other California counties are now considering or have already implemented this solution themselves.

**POLICY
ISSUES:**

Approval by the Board of Supervisors supports the Board priorities of a safe, healthy community, community service delivery, and multi-jurisdictional cooperation.

**STAFFING
IMPACTS:**

None.