

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

DEPT: Health Services Agency *MSA*

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-17

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE June 7, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Submission of the Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike Annual Recertification Application by the Health Services Agency

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the submission by the Health Services Agency of the Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike annual Recertification Application.
2. Authorize the Managing Director to sign required documents as part of the Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike Recertification Application.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The annualized net impact of the Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike designation is approximately \$8 million in enhanced per visit revenue and prescription drug discounts. The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the Clinic and Ancillary Division of the Health Services Agency is approximately \$46 million and assumes the continued Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike designation. The designation was effective on September 20, 2007 and is applicable to the primary care clinics of the Health Services Agency, designated as the "Stanislaus County Community Health Centers".

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-346

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike (FQHC-LA) designation was awarded effective September 20, 2007. On an annual basis, this designation contributes over \$8 million dollars to the Stanislaus County Community Health Centers (Health Services Agency primary care clinics).

While numerous detailed requirements exist, the core expectations of the designation center around community need, governance, financial, operational and clinical systems and management. As a Look-Alike designation, the clinics are required to meet all the federal Public Health Service Act section 330 requirements.

Annually, at least 90 days prior to the anniversary of the FQHC-LA award, it is required that a recertification application be submitted to the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The recertification application is not as comprehensive as the initial application which was submitted in August of 2006, or the renewal application which is due every 5 years; however, it does require an extensive amount of utilization and financial data, as well as documents demonstrating compliance with respect to governance, contracting, scope of services, community need and clinical benchmarking.

The deadline for the submission of the Recertification Application is June 20, 2011.

The Stanislaus County Community Health Center Board approved the submission of the recertification application during their meeting of May 4, 2011.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

This recommendation supports the Board of Supervisor's priorities of A Healthy Community, Effective Partnerships and Efficient Delivery of Public Services, as the FQHC-LA designation is the single largest contributing factor to the Agency's ability to sustain the County's clinic system, and supports the Community Health Center Board's activities.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no direct staffing impact based as a result of this recommendation.

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