

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # B-12

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE December 16, 2014

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors' Effective Partnership Recognition for the Community Services Agency, Extended Foster Care Youth Program, and the Stanislaus County Affordable Care Act Implementation Partnership between the Health Services Agency, Community Services Agency and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the Annual Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors' Effective Partnership Recognition for:

1. Community Services Agency - Extended Foster Care Youth Program
2. Stanislaus County Affordable Care Act Implementation Partnership between the Health Services Agency, Community Services Agency and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2014-642

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa, and approved by the following vote,

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

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.

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DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is committed to building strong relationships with local, regional and federal agencies, as well as business and community partners. One of the Board of Supervisors' Priorities is Effective Partnerships and each County Department is encouraged to partner in their business and service approach to maximize public service outcomes.

Each year, the Board of Supervisors recognizes two outstanding partnerships involving County Departments that embody the County's vision to be the best County in America. These partnerships exemplify what can be accomplished when dedicated individuals come together to find creative and innovative ways to achieve exceptional results to serve our community.

Annually the organization engages in a process that recognizes and rewards effective partnerships and two programs have been selected for this year's recognition. The Stanislaus County Effective Partnership Recognition Committee is comprised of Supervisor Dick Monteith, Keyes Municipal Advisory County Member Jeff Reed, Mark Averell from the City of Modesto and Carmen Morad, Community member. The committee has completed their work. Seven applications were submitted for the recognition. All seven proposals represented exceptional partnership efforts. During the month of November, the Committee interviewed each of the proposers and evaluated the submissions based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Direction
- Team Diversity
- Impact in the Community
- Measureable Outcomes
- Financial Measures

The Committee is proud to announce the partnerships chosen to receive the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors' 2014 Effective Partnership Recognition as follows:

- *The Community Services Agency (CSA), Extended Foster Care Youth Program, chosen in the category recognizing partnerships with non-governmental agencies/organizations; and*
- *Stanislaus County Affordable Care Act Implementation Partnership comprised of the Health Services Agency, Community Services Agency and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, chosen in the Inter-governmental partnership category.*

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The CSA–Extended Foster Care Youth Partnership is a collaborative effort between local, state and federal agencies, non-profit and faith based organizations, foster youth, foster parents and the court system to provide valuable support and life skills to foster youth as they transition into adulthood. Youth who leave the foster care system without a family, or safety net to rely on are more likely to experience poverty, homelessness, incarceration, low wages/underemployment, pregnancy and mental or physical illness. These youth, already facing the challenges that led to their placement into foster care, often lack the life skills and the education necessary for successful, independent lives. Fostering positive adult connections and providing support for youth in early adulthood, instead of the push towards independence once they turn 18, increases the likelihood of success and well-being. Youth are more likely to live independently, obtain a high school diploma, enroll in college, and are far less likely to be victims or perpetrators of crimes.

The partnership has created an opportunity for these foster youth to develop lifelong connections that can have a positive long term effect on the youth's social, psychological, and financial outcomes.

The Stanislaus County Affordable Care Act Implementation Partnership has been chosen in the Inter-governmental partnership category. The Health Services Agency (HSA), Community Services Agency (CSA) and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), worked together to ensure a seamless transition of care for the uninsured residents of Stanislaus County to coverage and benefits available under the Affordable Care Act. This partnership's mutual goal was to ensure that the Affordable Care Act transition did not result in any interruption or delay to individuals receiving medical care. With the assistance of a grant funded by Blue Shield, targeting the Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) and uninsured population, activities focused on outreach to this population to ensure screening for possible health care coverage by one of two Medi-Cal health plans available in Stanislaus County or coverage through Covered California took place prior to December, 31, 2013.

The partnership attended multiple state/federal webinars, meetings, planning sessions which assisted this partnership in developing joint strategic goals and timeframes. Realizing the patients and clients of Stanislaus County often receive services from one or more of the three agencies, plans were developed to share data and patient/client status between the three agencies with the ultimate goal of ensuring services were not interrupted and the patient's transition from one health plan to another was seamless. Ultimately, thousands of uninsured residents of Stanislaus County were able to obtain health coverage that provides a broad range of essential services that were previously unavailable to them. This includes access to primary and specialty care, mental health treatment and substance abuse services.

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The names of this year's winning partnership's will join previous winners on the plaque located in the Board Chambers foyer and will serve as a longstanding testament to the outstanding efforts of Stanislaus County employees and their partners.

A presentation of the recognition will be made at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval of this item supports the Board of Supervisors priority of Effective Partnerships by celebrating the outstanding efforts of County departments and their partners.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no additional staffing impacts associated with

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“Individual commitment to a group effort—
that is what makes a team work, a company
work, a society work, a civilization work “

Vince Lombardi

Patricia Hill Thomas
Chief Operations Officer



Effective Partnership Recognition

Board Priority: Effective Partnerships

- The Board of Supervisors are committed to building strong relationships with local, regional and federal agencies, business and community partners
- Each County Department is encouraged to partner to maximize public service outcomes
- Each year, the Board of Supervisors recognizes two outstanding partnerships that embody the County's vision to be the beset County in America and exemplify the benefit of working together



Effective Partnership Recognition

The Effective Partnership Recognition Committee :

- Supervisor Dick Monteith,
- Jeff Reed, Keyes Municipal Advisory Council
- Mark Averell, City of Modesto
- Carmen Morad, Community Member



Effective Partnership Recognition

Seven applications were submitted --all seven proposals listed below represented exceptional partnership efforts.

- Community Services Agency--Extended Foster Care Youth
- Environmental Resources -- Central Valley Chemical Safety Day
- Health Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Community Services Agency -- Stanislaus County Affordable Care Act Implementation
- Library -- Learning Quest Adult Literacy Program
- Office of Emergency Services – Stanislaus Operational Area Council
- Parks and Recreation – Hatch Park Baseball Field Renovation 2014
- Public Works – Regional Flood Management Plan



Effective Partnership Recognition

- The Evaluation Committee evaluated all proposals based on the following criteria:
 1. Focus on alignment with the Board's Strategic Direction
 2. Team Diversity
 3. Impact in the Community
 4. Measureable Outcomes
 5. Financial Measures



Effective Partnership Recognition

The two partnerships chosen for the 2014 Awards:

- ***Community Services Agency (CSA) - Extended Foster Care Youth (After 18 Program) – chosen in the category recognizing partnerships with non-governmental agencies/organizations***
- ***Stanislaus County Affordable Care Act Implementation Partnership comprised of the Health Services Agency, Community Services Agency and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services chosen in the Inter-governmental category***



Effective Partnership Recognition

Community Services Agency, Extended Foster Care Youth (After 18 Program)

- Assembly Bill 12- California Fostering Connections to Success Act (September 2010)
- Allows eligible 18 year olds in foster care to remain in foster care up to age 21 years
- Partnership is collaborative effort between local, state and federal agencies, non-profit and faith based organizations



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Partner Organizations:

- Probation, Housing , Employment, BHRS, Education
- AspiraNet, Center for Human Services, Family Justice Center, Family Resource Centers, Foster Parent Association, Project Yes
- Caregivers, foster parents, foster youth
- Dependency/Delinquency Court
- State and Federal Agencies



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Three -Year Implementation Outcomes:

- 140 foster youth (Child Welfare and Probation) have participated in the Program; In 2012, 33 youth completed high school compared to 9 in 2011
- In 2013, 10 Completed high school, 16 proceeded to attend post-secondary/vocational schools
- As of July 2014, 44 youth are living independently in own apartment, compared to 21 in 2013
- As of October 2014, 15 youth are working, 7 are attending MJC and 3 are attending a University
- 5 foster youth turning 21 this year – first graduates in After 18 Program. All have completed high school, 4 are living independently in their own apartment and 1 is in Job Corps



Effective Partnership Recognition

Additional Results:

- Stanislaus County was selected by Child Welfare Director's Association as a model program to be presented at the National Resource Center for Youth Development Conference in Oklahoma
- CSA Child Welfare Manager was selected to provide technical assistance to other states in the implementation of their Extended Foster Care Programs
- Stanislaus County was selected as a model program for the Federal Government Children Bureau's visit in California in September 2014



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Stanislaus County Affordable Care Act Implementation Partnership

Partnership Objectives:

- Health Care Reform allowed for the expansion of Federally Funded Medicaid (Medi-Cal) benefits and services to many uninsured, and to most of Stanislaus County's Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) population
- Target population was served by all three agencies, HSA , CSA and BHRS worked together to ensure a seamless transition and avoid disruptions in health care



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Partnership Development:

- HSA received funding through a Blue Shield of California Foundation grant to assist with the transition
- Community groups serving the uninsured were kept informed of the process
- Mutual goals to ensure no interruption or delay to provision of medical care
- Programs co-located to maximize efficiency



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Targeted Outreach:

- Special telephone “hotline” and email address created
- Created Process to accept and process health enrollment applications within 24 hours
- Multiple enrollment events held on Saturdays for specially invited target populations to apply for coverage
- Mail –in enrollment applications and information sent to MIA customers



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Partnership Outcomes:

- 5,746 unique MIA patients enrolled from 10/1/2013 to 12/31/2013– 4,813 successfully applied for Medi-Cal
- Family Services Specialist from CSA placed on site at Doctor's Behavioral Health Center Facility to facilitate Medi-Cal enrollment
- Increased awareness of available services throughout community due to visibility during outreach efforts
- Customers assigned Primary Care Physician for ongoing medical care with expanded scope of services



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Outcomes continued:

- Partnerships developed with safety net providers (Golden Valley Health Centers, St. Luke's Family Practice), community hospitals (Doctors Medical Center, Emanuel Medical Center, Memorial Hospital) and community organizations (United Way, Goodwill Industries, Modesto Junior College, Gospel Mission) etc.
- Extensive targeted outreach was done by mail, phone, in-person events , and the distribution of brochures, flyers, and posters in the community. Over 20,000 flyers/brochures and 8,000 direct-mail enrollment applications were circulated county-wide.



Effective Partnership Recognition

A special thank you to all the departments that submitted proposals for the 2014 Effective Partnership Recognition Award

Congratulations to 2014 Recipients of Effective Partnership Award

- ***Community Services Agency- Extended Foster Care Youth***
- ***Stanislaus County Affordable Care Act Implementation Partnership- HSA, BHRS, CSA***



Effective Partnership Recognition

Supervisor Dick Monteith

Member of the Effective Partnership Evaluation Committee



Effective Partnership Recognition

Thank you!

