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*Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence*

December 13, 2022

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) Director to Accept Additional Funding in the Amount of \$587,424 from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Field Nursing Program for FY 2022-2023 and Sign Related Documents; Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Five (5) New Regular Full-Time Positions, Effective December 13, 2022. (Recommendation No. 3 Requires 4/5ths Vote).**

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve and authorize the VCPH Director, or designee, to accept additional funding in the amount of \$587,424 for Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Field Nursing for FY 2022-2023
2. Authorize the VCPH Director, or designee, to sign an agreement and any related documents with CDPH for the award, subject to County Counsel review and approval.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions to adjust the appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows (Requires 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote):

HCA-MCAH Field Nursing Program (Unit 3107)

Increase 3100-3107	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$587,424
Increase 3100-3107	Salaries and Benefits	\$587,424

4. Adopt the attached Resolution establishing the following five (5.0) regular full-time positions allocated in Public Health, Unit 3100-3107, effective December 13, 2022.

<b>Class Code</b>	<b>Classification Title</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Annual Salary</b>
00300	RN-Public Health	3.0	\$41.616474 - \$51.175441	\$86,562.27 - \$106,444.92
00168	Public Health Social Worker II	2.0	\$24.671638 - \$36.307632	\$51,317.01 - \$75,519.87

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:****Mandatory:** No**Source of Funding:** CDPH**Funding Match Required:** None**Impact on Other Departments:** None**Narrative Explanation (as necessary):**

Summary of Revenues and Costs:	<b><u>FY 2022-23</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023-24</u></b>
Revenue:	\$ 587,424	\$ 909,875
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 587,424	\$ 909,875
Indirect-Dept.	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Indirect-County CAP	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Net Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

**FY 2022-23 Budget Projection:**

<b>FY 2022-2023 Budget Projection for HCA-Public Health Field Nursing, Unit 3107</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Budget</b>	<b>Estimated Savings (Deficit)</b>
Appropriations	\$10,430,564	\$10,745,605	\$10,745,605	-0-
Revenue	\$10,056,980	\$10,323,365	\$10,323,365	-0-
Net Cost	\$373,584	\$422,240	\$422,240	-0-

**Discussion:**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will distribute \$71.2 million in State General Funds (SGF) over the next four years, 2022-2026, to expand the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP). Funds are available to all 61 Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) in California and allocation tables were sent out on October 19, 2022 (Exhibit 1). Ventura

County Public Health (VCPH) is receiving \$587,424 for FY 22-23. The purpose of the first year of CHVP expansion funding is to establish, or expand, existing Evidence-Based Home Visiting (EBHV) programs. The remaining three-year allocation to VCPH will be a minimum of \$909,875 annually thereafter, through FY 25-26 and will cover all program related costs. CDPH has indicated that this funding will continue beyond FY 25-26.

VCPH currently operates two EBHV models: Parents as Teachers (PAT) and Nurse Family Partnership (NFP). The efficacy of both models results in remarkable benefits to society. VCPH is requesting five regular full-time positions to expand each program; two Public Health Social Workers (PHSW) for PAT, and three Public Health Nurses (RN-PH) for NFP (see Resolution).

The PAT EBHV model serves pregnant women and families with children under the age of one, and services are offered until the child turns three years old. The program includes group connections, resource networking, and childhood screenings. Research findings include a reduction in child abuse and neglect, an increase in parent knowledge of early childhood development, early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and an increase in childhood school readiness and success.

The NFP EBHV model serves low-income, first-time pregnant women, throughout pregnancy and through the baby's first two years of life. Research findings include reduced incidences of child abuse and neglect, infant mortality, emergency room visits, language delays, behavioral and intellectual problems, subsequent unplanned pregnancies, unemployment, and childhood arrests.

In September 2019, VCPH received funding through the Human Services Agency (HSA) from the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Home Visiting Initiative (HVI) to implement an EBHV model. In collaboration with HSA, the PAT model was chosen to be implemented with CalWORKs enrolled clients. There are currently seven Public Health Social Workers (PHSW) providing services in our PAT program, with each carrying a caseload of up to 20 families. The CHVP allocation will allow for the VCPH PAT program to add two PHSW staff. These staff will enroll pregnant women and families that are not receiving CalWORKs benefits that disqualify them from receiving current VCPH PAT services.

In February 2020, CHVP provided the initial funding that helped establish the VCPH NFP program. There are currently six RN-PH staff providing services in our NFP program, with each carrying a caseload of up to 25 families. The staff are nearing their caseload capacity based on criteria established by NFP to maintain model fidelity. Adding three RN-PH positions will prevent declining client access to NFP services and allow for the program to enroll up to 75 more families.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, Human Resources, and the County Executive Office.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Rigoberto Vargas at (805) 981-5101.

  
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Attachments:

Resolution

Exhibit 1 – CHVP 2022 Expansion Plan Update and Allocations