



**DATE:** January 17, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Interim Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Provided by the Youth and Family Services Bureau of the Hayward Police Department

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council authorizes the City Manager to: (1) execute the FY16-17 Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Memorandum of Understanding with the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and (2) accept between \$300,000 and \$400,000 in reimbursement for services provided under this agreement.

### **BACKGROUND**

Since 2006, the Youth and Family Services Bureau (YFSB) of the Hayward Police Department has had an annual Memorandum of Understanding with the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency to provide Medi-cal Administrative Activities (MAA).

In order to ensure the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal Program, the State of California has entered into contract with the County of Alameda Health Care Services Agency. The Health Care Services Agency recognizes the unique relationship that certain other departments and entities in the County, including the City of Hayward Youth and Family Services Bureau, have with Medi-Cal Eligible Individuals. It further recognizes their expertise in identifying and assessing the health care needs of the Medi-Cal Eligible Individuals they serve.

To take advantage of the Youth and Family Services Bureau's expertise and relationship with Medi-Cal Eligible Individuals, the County Health Care Services Agency provides reimbursement for the MAA performed by the Youth and Family Services Bureau.

The amount of this reimbursement varies year to year, but it is expected to be between \$300,000 and \$400,000 for FY16-17.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Youth and Family Services Bureau staff play a critical role in connecting community members to Medi-Cal covered services. In recognition of this function, the County provides an annual reimbursement for the cost of staff time spent providing this service. This reimbursement funding is re-invested to support YFSB programming which contributes to the overall strength and success of the YFSB model. Providing alternatives to youth involvement in the juvenile justice system is a critical issue locally and nationally. The literature clearly shows that more restrictive juvenile justice interventions such as youth incarceration contribute to poorer outcomes and increased rates of recidivism. Conversely, offering alternatives such as family counseling, case management and diversion, not only reduces recidivism but also leads to better outcomes for youth and families overall. The execution of this agreement and the acceptance of the associated funding will allow the Youth and Family Services Bureau of the Hayward Police Department to continue to play a crucial role in keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and contributing to the overall safety and wellbeing of Hayward families.

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

As stated above, improving community safety and keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system by supporting them to lead productive and healthy lives will strengthen our local economy.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This agreement will result in no fiscal change. The City will receive reimbursement from MAA activities performed during the term of this MOU and staff projects the reimbursements will be between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

## **NEXT STEPS**

If the Council authorizes this action, staff will work to execute the agreement with the Health Care Services Agency to provide MAA for FY16-17.

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