



DATE: September 19, 2017

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Authorization for the City Manager to 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 Council authorizes the City Manager to: (1) Execute the FY17-18 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).

To ensure the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal Program, the State of California entered into a contract with the County of Alameda Health Care Services Agency. The State recognizes the unique relationship that the County Health Care Services Agency has with Medi-Cal Eligible Individuals.

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 Medi-Cal Administrative Activities 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 FY17-18.

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 well-being 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 and will improve every aspect of it.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This agenda item supports the Complete Communities Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the Complete Communities strategy is to create and support structures, services and amenities to provide inclusive and equitable access with the goal of becoming a thriving and promising place to live, work and play for all. This item supports the following goal and objectives:

Goal 1: Improve quality of life for residents, business owners, and community members in all Hayward neighborhoods.

Objective 1: Increase neighborhood safety and cohesion

Objective 4: Create resilient and sustainable neighborhoods

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds that the City will receive from this agreement will help to offset the expenses of administering care for recipients. It is estimated that reimbursements will be between \$300,000 and \$400,000, similar to the amounts the City has received from the County for administering the portion of the MAA program in recent fiscal years.

NEXT STEPS

If the Council authorizes this action, staff will work to execute the agreement with the Health Care Services Agency to provide Medi-Cal Administrative Activities for FY17-18.

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