

**Contra Costa CARES – Expanded/Comprehensive Healthcare for Uninsured: \$750,000 (On-going)**

In 2015 the Contra Costa Health Plan (CCHP) established a pilot program, Contra Costa CARES, for the purpose of providing primary care services to adults not covered by the Affordable Care Act. CCHP coordinates the program for primary care services via three providers: La Clínica de la Raza, Lifelong, and Brighter Beginnings. The providers receive a capitated payment on a per member per month basis.

The Contra Costa CARES budget included a County General purpose revenue contribution of \$250,000, CCHP revenue contribution of \$500,000, and \$750,000 in private hospital matching donations for a total annual program of \$1.5 million. The private hospital donations ended in fiscal year 2021/22.

There is currently enough funding remaining in the Contra Costa Health Plan budget to extend the current program through June 2023.

The Governor and legislature have acted to allow immigrants aged 50 and over to be enrolled in Medi-Cal beginning May 2022 thus reducing the demand for the CARES program.

The Health Services Department has contracted with Pacific Health Consulting to facilitate a process with Stakeholders over the next several months to gather data and ideas about possible revisions to the CARES program to address the unmet needs of the remaining uninsured population (*see attached*).

**Recommendation:**

The County Administrator's recommendation is that \$750,000 in on-going appropriations be reserved should additional funding be necessary beginning July 1, 2023.

## **CARES PROGRAM CONTINUATION with CARE PLANNING GROUP PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK**

### **Purpose of Consultation:**

Organize and facilitate a community stakeholder process to plan the next 12-24 months of CARES

### **Anticipated Timeline:**

November 1, 2021 – March 1, 2022

### **Major Activities, Timeline and Estimated Consultation Hours:**

1. Work with Contra Costa Health Services to identify participant organizations for the CARES planning group (up to 8-10 organizations) – by November 1, 2021 – 2.0 hours
2. Review CARES progress reports and gather updated information on uninsured in Contra Costa County – by November 15, 2021 – 6.0 hours
3. Develop outline of four (4) stakeholder meetings' major agenda topics; review with Contra Costa Health Services and Community Clinic Consortium – by November 15, 2021 – 2.0 hours
4. Develop historical/current analysis and progress report of the CARES program including status of current funding and local political support – by November 15, 2021 – Community Clinic Consortium/CCHP with assistance/review by Pacific Health Consulting Group – 4.0 hours
5. Plan, organize and facilitate four (4) virtual CARES Planning Group meetings from December 1, 2021 – February 15, 2022 to review issues related to continuation of CARES for another 12-24 months including topics like health center enrollment/performance, benefits and gaps in services, expansion of membership, provider payments and financing options, opportunities to leverage/complement other statewide and county initiatives, etc. – November 15, 2021 – February 15, 2022 – 60.0 hours
6. Plan, prepare and attend two (2) resident/CARES user focus groups with input on questions from planning group (focus groups will be facilitated by CCHS staff who are culturally/linguistically qualified to facilitate focus groups with support on recruitment by Community Clinic Consortium, member community health centers and community partners)– 20.0 hours
7. Support Contra Costa Health Services in providing regular updates to renewed Access to Care Stakeholders Group – On-Going – 10.0 hours
8. Prepare short memo identifying issues reviewed and discussed with stakeholder group – by March 1, 2022 – 8.0 hours
9. Prepare short update to Contra Costa Board of Supervisors in conjunction with CCHS – Timing TBD - 6.0 hours
10. Unanticipated meetings and materials preparation – On-Going – 10.0 hours