



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director
Date: February 24, 2009

Subject: Notice of Grant Award #29-676 from the California Health Care Safety Net Institute

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee (Jeff Smith, M.D.) to accept notice of Grant Award from the California Health Care Safety Net Institute, to pay the County an amount not to exceed 200,000 for the Safe and Efficient Electronic Prescribing Practices for the Underserved and Uninsured in California Public Hospital Clinics Project for the period from October 15, 2008 through January 31, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of this Award will result in \$200,000 from the California Health Care Safety Net Institute, for the Safe and Efficient Electronic Prescribing Practices for the Underserved and Uninsured in California Public Hospital Clinics Project at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. No County funds are required.

BACKGROUND:

The California Health Care Safety Net Institute (SNI) has designed a program to promote safe and efficient electronic prescribing practices for the underserve and uninsured in California Public Hospital Clinics (CAPH). E-prescribing demonstrates proven workflow efficiencies,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/24/2009** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Gayle B. Uilkema, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Susan A. Bonilla, District IV
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 24, 2009

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Celia Nelson, Deputy

Contact: Jeff Smith, M.D.
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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

reduce human error by streamlining the communications process between providers and pharmacies, thereby greatly reducing prescription errors, and improving the quality and safety of patient care of medication history information. SNI will provide funds to Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (CCRMC) to reduce cost by enabling formulary data, complete patient information and clinical advice at the point of care. The goal of phase I of E-prescribing will be to move CCRMC's prescriptions from manual to electronically digitally signing, with the ability to fax prescriptions to CCRMC's inpatient pharmacy and CCRMC's external pharmacy. This process is currently partially automated and partially manual at this point.

Acceptance of Grant Award #29-676 will pay for a software link to fully automate the E-prescribing process, thus reducing potential for patient medication errors, and providing a better quality of care, through January 31, 2010.