



## Interoffice Memorandum

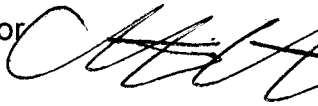
**AGENDA ITEM**


APPROVED BY ORANGE  
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

BCC Mtg. Date: Feb. 9, 2016

January 21, 2016

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs  
-AND-  
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Christopher Hunter, M.D., Ph.D., Director  
Health Services Department 

FROM: John Goodrich, Assistant to the Director  
Health Services Department 

SUBJECT: Ryan White Part A Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Award Acceptance  
**Consent Agenda – February 9, 2016**

The Ryan White Part A Program is a federally-funded program of health and support services for persons with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) spectrum disease. The program provides funding for core and support services to consumers affected by HIV. Core services consist of medical and dental care, nutritional supplements and therapy, insurance co-pay and premium payments, medical case management, pharmaceutical drug reimbursement, mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment. Food, transportation and psychosocial support services complement the program as support components. Services are provided by community agencies under contract with the County.

In addition to direct services for consumers, the grant also provides funding for administration, quality management and support of the HIV Health Services Planning Council. County employees funded by the grant fill the roles for administration, quality management and Planning Council support. The Planning Council is an appointed group of providers, lay persons and consumers that offer guidance for administration of the program.

The upcoming Federal Ryan White Part A Fiscal Year is March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. Notification of the actual amount of the grant award for that time period is expected to be received from the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in early March 2016. The award is expected to be approximately \$9,824,812 which is nearly \$467,847 more than the award for the 2015-2016 grant. In order to execute contracts beginning March 1, 2016, and continue services from the current year, Board approval to accept the award is needed prior to the time that the actual amount of the award is known. Board approval is also requested to increase the Health Services Department Manning

Table by two positions. These two positions will be used at the Medical Clinic pharmacy to dispense drugs to Ryan White consumers and will be funded by the grant.

Board approval is requested to accept the Ryan White Part A 2016 grant in the amount awarded by HRSA, and to authorize the County Mayor or her designee latitude to approve any increase or decrease from the anticipated amount.

The Health Services Planning Council must allocate awarded funds in accordance with HRSA guidelines to the approved services planned. In order to expedite the use of any additional funding, approval is requested to authorize the County Mayor or her designee to approve acceptance of any additional funding received under this grant during the period March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval to accept the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration Grant Award for Ryan White Part A funding in the amount of \$9,824,812 for the period of March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017; approval to increase the Health Services Department Manning Table by two positions; approval for the County Mayor or her designee to approve any increases or decreases in the award amount, and approval for the County Mayor or her designee to approve any increases in Federal Ryan White Part A funding during the period March 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017. **(Health Services Department)**

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Cc: George Ralls, M.D., Deputy County Administrator