



To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator
Date: September 29, 2016
Subject: Significant Issues Update

1) County Administrator's Update on Contracts

The County Administrator signed the following contracts of significance since the last Significant Issues update:

- The Department of Health and Social Services, Medical Services Division, a contract with the Solano County Office of Education, to provide prevention and early intervention school based mental health program liaison and stigma reduction services, \$40,000, from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The funding source is the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA Prop 63).
- The County Administrator, a contract with the Richard Bay Puppet Theatre Company, to provide the design and construction of the 2017 Solano County State Fair Exhibit, \$40,000, from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. The funding source is the County General Fund.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Candace Teska, LCSW, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Deborah Williamson, LMFT, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Sherie Mahlberg, LMFT, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Michael Henry, PhD, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Kenneth J. Jacopetti, LMFT, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.

- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Jereline Kendrick, MFT, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Valerie Patton, LCSW, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Carla Goad, MFT, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services, a contract with Therese Jones-Garrett, MFT, to cover mental health services provided to clients by the Managed Care Network Providers, \$49,999, from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. The funding source is Federally funded Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment.

2) General Election Update from the Registrar of Voters

The Registrar of Voters (ROV) would like to announce several major deadlines, notice of mailings, and office needs for the upcoming 2016 General Election. It is anticipated that the turnout for the upcoming election will be between 80-85 percent of registered voters. In addition to staffing the office, the Registrar of Voters has also increased the number of poll workers to assist at polling locations to help process voters and reduce wait times around the county.

Voters should be aware of the following dates:

- October 11 – first day we can mail Vote by Mail Ballots. Over 63 percent of our voters will now receive a vote-by-mail ballot. We expect ballots to arrive at voters' homes by October 13 or 14.
- October 24 – last day to register for the election. We will continue to advertise on social media, radio and print formats to get the word out about the registration cut-off. Online registration forms can be received until Midnight on October 24.
- November 1 – last day our office can mail a ballot to a voter. From this point onward, requests for ballots must be made in-person at our office.

The ballot is a 2-card ballot – there is an "A" ballot (mostly candidate races) and a "B" ballot (mostly measures). The last time we had a 2-card ballot was in 2010. We expect Voters to take longer to vote at the polling places, and hope they take advantage of the "sample ballot" to make notes, and be prepared to mark their official ballot at the polling place.

For this election we will have 97 polling locations. One location is physically different (Benicia National Guard) while three others have different voters assigned to them to help with space needs at the location. A total of 2,500 voters in Benicia, Vallejo and Dixon have been notified by mail of the polling location change between the election. They will also receive notice in their sample ballot materials.

Operationally, we have increased our staff in a variety of areas:

- Voter Registration increases – Our current registration is 211,993 and we expect a 5-7 percent increase in registration during the month of October.

- Vote by Mail increases - We are anticipating an 80 percent turnout in Vote by mail ballots. A two-card ballot increases our processing time. We have a goal of processing all VBM ballots on election night, similar to our processing during the Primary Election.
- Poll Worker increases – we have increased our pool of poll workers from 760 to 1180 to handle the increased volume at the poll places. We still need 400 poll workers, and our outreach efforts will be on-going through the month of October. Pollworkers have to be at least 16, do not have to be a registered voter, do not have to be citizens, and do not need to live in Solano County.

Finally, the Secretary of State has announced VoteCal to be the System of Record for the election. This triggers many new laws to take place in January, but has little impact on our processing of the November Election. We have successfully conducted two statewide mock elections to train staff and to work out performance issues.

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