

**AGENDA COVER MEMO**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 31, 2004

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**DEPT:** Health & Human Services

**PRESENTED BY:** Rob Rockstroh



**AGENDA TITLE:** In the Matter of Accepting Funding in an Amount Not to Exceed \$52,604 from PeaceHealth Medical Group for Latino Medical Access

**I. MOTION**

TO ACCEPT FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,604 FROM PEACEHEALTH MEDICAL GROUP FOR LATINO MEDICAL ACCESS

**II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM**

The Lane County Department of Health & Human Services has negotiated with PeaceHealth to provide Latino Medical Access services through the Community Health Centers of Lane County (CHC), the County's Federally Qualified Health Clinic. In order to do so, the funding must be accepted and the County Administrator must be delegated authority to sign the agreement.

**III. DISCUSSION**

**A. Background**

On August 26, 2003 the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services announced that Lane County had been awarded grant funding and designated as a federally qualified health center. This project, Community Health Centers of Lane County (CHC), targets area residents whose incomes fall below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; uninsured, underinsured, "working poor"; migrant and seasonal farm workers and resident Latinos needing bilingual care; chronically homeless families with children; emancipated homeless and at-risk youth; Medicare/Medicaid patients who cannot access local primary health care; single mothers with children under 18; and residents of public housing.

**B. Analysis**

As a component of providing services to Latinos needing bilingual care, Lane County Health & Human Services has negotiated with PeaceHealth to move the Latino Medical Access Program into the CHC. The Latino Medical Access Program provides care to undocumented and uninsured Latinos with social, emotional, financial and/or mental health issues. PeaceHealth has agreed to provide funding

in the amount of \$13,151 per month through June 30, 2004. Funding will begin March 1, 2004, with the County's hiring of a bilingual nurse practitioner to provide these services. Lane County Health & Human Services is negotiating with PeaceHealth for continued funding for this program after June 30, 2004. These funds have already been appropriated as part of the Health & Human Services' budget.

The clients served through the Latino Medical Access program are part of the target population to be served by the CHC. Even if Lane County were to refuse funding from PeaceHealth, it is anticipated that the clients would still receive service from the CHC.

**C. Alternatives / Options**

1. To accept funding from PeaceHealth Medical Group in an amount not to exceed \$52,604 for Latino Medical Access Services.
2. Not to accept funding from PeaceHealth Medical Group in an amount not to exceed \$52,604 for Latino Medical Access Services. It is anticipated the clients accessing these services will receive service from the Community Health Centers even if the program is not funded, so refusing the funding would not impact services provided.

**D. Recommendation**

To approve number one above.

**IV. IMPLEMENTATION / TIMING**

Upon board approval, the revenue agreement with PeaceHealth Medical Group for Latino Medical Access will be forwarded to the County Administrator for signature.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

Board Order

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION ) IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT  
AND ORDER: ) NOT TO EXCEED \$52,604 FROM PEACEHEALTH MEDICAL  
                  ) GROUP FOR LATINO MEDICAL ACCESS

WHEREAS, Lane County through the Department of Health & Human Services, Human Services Commission has been awarded funding for and been designated as a Federally Qualified Health Clinic; and

WHEREAS, migrant, seasonal farm workers, and resident Latinos needing bilingual care are a target population of the Federally Qualified Health Clinic; and

WHEREAS, services to undocumented and uninsured Latinos with social, emotional, financial, and/or mental health issues is currently being provided through PeaceHealth's Latino Medical Access Program; and

WHEREAS, PeaceHealth has agreed to provide funding to the Federally Qualified Health Centers to provide services currently provided through the Latino Medical Access Program.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Lane County Board of Commissioners accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$52,604 for Latino Medical Access services; and

IT IS FUTHER ORDERED the County Administrator be delegated authority to sign an agreement with PeaceHealth Medical Group in the amount of \$52,604 for the period March 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2004.

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Bobby Green Sr., Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 3/22/04 lane county  
J. K. [Signature]  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL