



DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



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**SUBJECT: Report from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health regarding the Prescription (Rx) Safe Marin initiative, and request for approval of cost neutral personnel and budget adjustments.**

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Accept report.
2. Authorize your Board to approve the following cost neutral personnel adjustments effective for the August 17, 2014 pay period:

Action	Cost Center	Description	FTE	Job Title	Step	Class	Pos#
Add	1000113100	Community Health and Prevention	0.50	Health and Human Services Projects Coordinator – Limited Term through June 30, 2015.	4	1251	12510TBD

3. Approve the following one-time budget adjustment:

Action	Fund	Funds Center	Description	Commitment Item	CI Description	Functional Area	FA Description	FY 2014-15 Budget Adjustment
Decrease	10000	9000011000	Non-Departmental	5220900	Equipment Other	9999999-999999999		(\$100,000)
Increase	10000	1000113000	Community Health and Prevention	5110110	Salaries & Benefits	1000000-106906000	Rx Safe Marin	\$55,752
Increase	10000	1000113000	Community Health and Prevention	5210400	CBO Contracts	1000000-106906000	Rx Safe Marin	\$25,000
Increase	10000	1000113000	Community Health and Prevention	5220800	Misc. Supplies	1000000-106906000	Rx Safe Marin	\$19,248
					<b>Net Adjustment</b>			<b>(\$0)</b>

**SUMMARY:** Prescription drug misuse and abuse is the nation’s fastest growing health problem and a serious concern in Marin County. Prescription drug misuse is defined as the non-medical use of physician prescribed medication. Although Marin is recognized as one of the healthiest counties in California, we have an unhealthy relationship with prescription drugs. In Marin, more people die from misusing and abusing prescription drugs than from motor vehicle accidents.

During the FY 2014-15 budget hearings, your Board set-aside \$100,000 in Non-Departmental to support an initiative, Prescription (Rx) Safe Marin to reduce prescription drug misuse. A strategic planning process has been initiated to bring together community members from various sectors to identify Marin’s local assets and needs, and create priorities and action steps to preventing prescription drug misuse and abuse. The community plan will facilitate greater collaboration across programs and services and will ensure that we create a comprehensive and actionable plan for preventing prescription drug misuse and abuse. The funds will be used to support a 0.50 FTE limited term HHS Projects Coordinator position to coordinate Rx Safe Marin and for related expenses.

The part-time Projects Coordinator position will be responsible for coordination of activities between the Steering Committee and the five action teams; identify, plan and coordinate technical assistance and training activities as needed by the teams; report on monthly progress of the Rx Safe Marin initiative; assist with planning and implementation of goals and objectives, develop tracing systems and assist with data collection; and research grant opportunities and write grants as directed by the Steering Committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no increase in net County cost. The proposed actions are cost neutral. Funds will be transferred from Non-Departmental to the Community Health and Prevention Funds Center 1000113000.

<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	County Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Department of Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully submitted,

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