



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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Marin County Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of General Administration requests approval to appropriate \$311,237 of year two Intergovernmental Transfer Funds from Partnership HealthPlan of California and approval of multi-year \$774,525 contract with Redwood MedNet to develop and support a Marin Safety-Net Health Information Exchange. (New)

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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the following one-time FY 2015-16 budget adjustments:

Action	Fund	Funds Center	Description	Commitment Item	CI Description	FY 2015-16 Budget Adjustment
Decrease	10000	1000011000	General Administration	9000632	Insurance Premiums	(\$450,000)
Decrease	10000	1000081000	Public Health Administration	5211500	Misc. Services	(\$13,288)
Increase	10000	1000011000	General Administration	5210100	Professional Services	\$463,288
Total General Fund Expense						\$0
Total General Fund Revenue						(\$0)
Net General Fund Adjustment						\$0

Action	Fund	Funds Center	Description	Commitment Item	CI Description	FY 2015-16 Budget Adjustment
Increase	25078	1000011000	General Administration	5210100	Professional Services	\$311,237
Total IGT Fund Expense						\$311,237
Increase	25078	1000011000	General Administration	4540355	Fed. Partnership Health	(\$311,237)
Total IGT Fund Revenue						(\$311,237)
Net General Fund Adjustment						\$0

2. Authorize President to execute \$774,525 contract through August 31, 2019 with Redwood MedNet.

SUMMARY: On November 25, 2014 your Board authorized the acceptance of a second year of Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Funds from Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) in the amount of \$1,656,237 to provide health services to its managed Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The Department is returning to your Board for approval to appropriate a portion of these federal funds to implement one of its PHC approved initiatives, the development, implementation, and provision of ongoing support of a Health Information Exchange (HIE) for Marin’s safety-net.

The Marin Safety-Net Data Exchange and Integration Hub (Safety-Net Hub) is a data-sharing and integration service which will enable the appropriate and secure exchange of health information among the Department, community clinics in Marin County, and eventually other external partners to improve the coordination, quality, and cost-effectiveness of care delivered to Marin citizens. Participating Marin Safety-Net Hub partners include Marin Community Clinics, Coastal Health Alliance, Marin City Health and Wellness Center, and Ritter Center and Department programs including Behavioral Health, Dental Clinic, Medical Clinics, and Emergency Medical Services.

The Department conducted a Request for Interest (RFI) process, reviewed the five applications submitted, and subsequently interviewed three applicants. After careful consideration with the assistance of Intrepid Ascent, consultants with significant experience in the health information technology field, Redwood MedNet was selected as the vendor that would best meet the Department’s needs. The Department is requesting approval of a multi-year contract through with August 31, 2019, to develop and support the Safety-Net Hub.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: The HIE will enable the appropriate and secure exchange of health information among partners to improve the coordination and quality of care delivered to Marin residents.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department is requesting to appropriate \$311,237 of the \$1,656,237 in year two federal IGT matching funds in the General Administration Funds Center 1000011000, in the Federal - IGT fund, 25078. The remainder of the contract, \$463,288, is funded by County General Funds. There is no increase in net County cost. The contract allows for cancellation, with thirty days’ notice, should the County not be able to continue to fund. The Department will return to your Board to appropriate the remaining IGT funds as initiatives are ready to be implemented.

REVIEWED BY:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
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Respectfully submitted,

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