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Board Report

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- b. Accept a \$2,900 clinic impact fee from OCHIN once the study activities are completed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Health Department Clinic Services Bureau (Health Department) operates nine community clinic sites designated as Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alikes (FQHC-LA), which provide preventative, primary, and specialty medical care services. The Health Department has been a member of the OCHIN collaborative since 2007, which allows for access and usage of Epic's Practice Management (PM) and Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems.

Through the years, OCHIN has provided valuable health information technology support and services to the Health Department during the course of the Epic PM and EMR System implementation and utilization, and continuously offers innovative tools and methods, such as progression towards a paperless system, supporting meaningful use incentives through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), tracking of quality of care variables, and hosting studies focused to improve health care.

Back on Track is a Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)- funded 3-year collaborative study that runs from November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2020. This study is led by the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute (KPSWHRI) in partnership with OCHIN, Inc. and Harvard Medical School. Study activities have been approved by KPSWHRI's human subjects' protection committee (IRB). KPSWHRI's IRB research waiver for patient's written consent, authorizes the Health Department's use and disclosure of Protected Health Information.

☒ Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

☐ Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

☐ Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Attachment:

Memorandum of Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board

additional \$10 per completed survey. If participants complete all surveys requested, they will receive a \$20 bonus. Participants can opt out of the study at any time.

If your service area is interested, we can work with you on additional methods for patient recruitment. These methods could include but are not limited to: MyChart outreach, distribution of study information onsite, and working with specific staff to tailor patient outreach activities. To reflect the higher levels of effort involved in these approaches, we would provide additional clinic impact support.

3. Provide the study team with service area letterhead and a signatory from your organization (of your choosing) to be included in the recruitment letter sent to potential participants. Service area letterhead and signatures will be shared with Kaiser's Survey Research Program, who will manage the mailings to potential participants. Your staff will have the opportunity to review all outreach materials before they are sent out to eligible patients.
4. Allow us to conduct one or two fact-finding phone calls with members of your staff in order to collect information on the types of services available for pain management. We will ask about clinical workflows related to pain treatments and Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder. Each phone call should take no longer than 30 minutes.

B. Participating clinics will receive:

1. By participating, your organization will provide patients and staff members with an opportunity to contribute to scientific knowledge about the how policies can impact back pain, opioid prescribing, and improve access to care among underserved patients in Oregon and California.
2. Participating clinics will be informed of study results and made aware of any publications.
3. In recognition of your service area's participation in this project, we will provide you with a \$2,900 clinic impact fee once project activities are completed.

C. Study timeline:

1. The study team will obtain service area letterhead and names of letter signatories. We will work with you to socialize the project with care teams and staff at each of your health centers.
2. Our research team will send recruitment materials to eligible patients. We anticipate patient outreach to occur between October 2018 and March 2019. OCHIN's research team will notify your service area when outreach to eligible patients is initiated and when it is completed.
3. The study team will schedule and conduct the fact-finding phone calls with appropriate staff persons as soon as possible.

Your health centers' active participation in this study will end once these activities have been completed.

The County of Monterey Health Department hereby agrees to perform the activities outlined above for the purposes of the research project entitled, "A Naturalistic Experiment Evaluating the Impact of Medicaid Treatment Reimbursement Changes on Opioid Prescribing and Patient Outcomes Among Patients with Low Back Pain" described above, and subject to the IRB-approved research protocol.

SIGNATURES

For the Organization:  Date 10/01/2018

Name, Role or Position (print): Ezequiel Vega, Assistant Director of Health

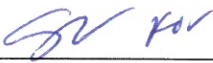
For OCHIN:  Date 8/30/2018

Name, Role or Position (print): _____

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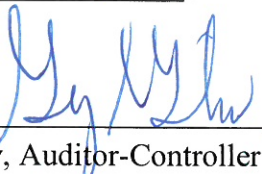
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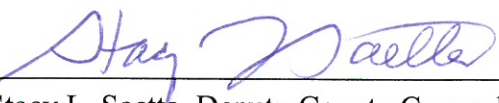
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Approved as to Fiscal Provisions:

By: 
Gary Giboney, Auditor-Controller

Date: 9/16/18

Approved as to Legal Form:

By: 
Stacy L. Saetta, Deputy County Counsel

Date: 9/6/18