

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the
Agenda of:
September 13, 2007
9:30 a.m.

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report Back On The Additional Public Health Nurse For Adult Protective Services

Contact: Lynn Frank, Director, 875-2002

Background

The Public Health Nurse position will provide crisis response and routine follow-up for APS clients. The net County cost for the position is \$8,018. The Board requested the Department to report back on how much overtime hours would be needed to be reduced to fund this position.

Discussion

Public Health Nurses (PHN) work collaboratively with APS social workers to provide medical intervention to the most medically involved and fragile APS clients with often life-threatening medical conditions and multiple barriers to accessing medical services. The PHN will also provide certain medical follow-up to the client, in addition to coordinating services and advocating for APS clients with community resources staff and other health care providers in a complex medical system. Clients are linked to medical and related services, provide health education, and assist with placement. Because of the appropriate medical interventions the position would provide, the PHN position should provide some reduction in overtime hours that staff currently use in accessing higher levels of medical care for APS clients.

Because overtime hours are beyond the State allocation, it is reimbursed only by Federal funding at 50%. To capture the \$8,018 in County cost for the Public Health Nurse position, the department would have to reduce overtime hours by roughly 450 hours. The department will reduce its overtime expenditures by \$16,036, with a commensurate reduction in revenue of \$8,018, thereby facilitating a fully funded request for this position.

Respectfully submitted,

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