



AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

For Board Business Meeting of April 6, 2016

DATE: April 5, 2016

FROM: Nancy Mooney, Contract Specialist, Deschutes County Health Services, 322-7516

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of Board approval for Deschutes County Health Services, Public Health Division to apply for a competitive grant from the Oregon Health Authority entitled, "Increase Controlled Substance Prescriber Registration in the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program."

PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS DATE? No.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The number of deaths related to prescription poisoning in Oregon has increased five-fold since 1990; more than 1,300 Oregonians died from prescription drug poisonings from 1999 to 2008. This increase is mainly due to deaths associated with controlled substance prescription drugs.

The Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is a website system where pharmacies submit prescription data for controlled substances dispensed to Oregon residents. This tool assists healthcare providers, pharmacists and patients work together to determine what medications are best for the patient. Currently, Deschutes County has one of the lowest rates of prescribers registered and using the PDMP system. In an effort to increase the prescriber registration, Deschutes County Health Services is applying for grant funds offered through the Oregon Health Authority.

Deschutes County's grant proposal complements existing substance abuse prevention activities and includes additional outreach, coordination and educational opportunities in collaboration with Pain Standards Task Force of the Central Oregon Health Council. Deschutes County anticipates funding to be available from June 2016 through September 2016, and then outreach services to end without additional funding. Participation in this grant supports Deschutes County Health Services' goal to promote health and prevent disease as well as support the Regional Health Improvement Plan to "implement a community standard for appropriate and responsible prescribing of Opioids and Benzodiazepines".

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

If this grant is awarded, the fiscal impact to the department is expected not to exceed \$40,000. County may expended funds as follows: Contractor or additional staff time \$24,900, Program Supplies \$10,000, Travel \$1,100, Indirect Expenses \$4,000.

RECOMMENDATION & ACTION REQUESTED:

Request Board approval to apply for the "Increase Controlled Substance Prescriber Registration in the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program" grant.

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Jacks, Prevention Programs Supervisor

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS:

N/A



Deschutes County Health Services

GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST

Official Grant Title:	Increase Controlled Substance Prescriber Registration in the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
Source of Grant Funds:	Oregon Health Authority
Funding Amount (include amount per year if multiple years):	\$40,000
Required Matching Funds (if applicable):	Not required
Application Due Date and Submission Method:	April 13, 2016
FTE Required and Cost of FTE:	Will either increase hours of an existing part-time staff or hire a contractor to perform the work since the timeframe is only June – September 2016.
Staff Responsible:	Jessica Jacks
Grant Administrator (if awarded):	OHA, Office of Injury and Violence Prevention Section

Please answer the following questions:

1. Briefly summarize what work the grant is intended to accomplish:

Deschutes was selected as one of four counties to participate with the state to increase the number of prescribers registered in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). The PDMP is a tool to help healthcare providers and pharmacists provide patients better care in managing their prescriptions. The program was started in order to support appropriate use of prescription drugs. The information is intended to help people work with their healthcare providers and pharmacists to determine what medications are best for them and reduce unnecessary prescriptions. Deschutes County's proposal will devote resources to increasing the number of prescribers registered in PDMP in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties by providing outreach and coordination in partnership with the Pain Standards Task Force of the Central Oregon Health Council.

2. What priorities in the Health Services Strategic Plan would this grant activity support? Provide data to describe a documented health need that would be addressed and that is consistent with the Strategic Plan.

Participation in this grant supports the DCHS goal to promote health and prevent disease. It also supports the Regional Health Improvement Plan goal to "implement a community standard for appropriate and responsible prescribing of Opioids and Benzodiazepines."

Deschutes County has one of the lowest rates of prescribers registered in the PDMP. Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson rates are, 40%, 52% and 79% respectively.

The number of deaths related to poisoning in Oregon has increased five-fold since 1990. This increase is mainly due to deaths associated with controlled substance prescription drugs. From 1999 - 2008, more than 1,300 Oregonians died from prescription drug poisonings. For these reasons, Oregon Senate Bill 355 established a PDMP in Oregon

when the governor signed the bill into law in July, 2009.

3. Would this support core program activities and, if so, which one(s)? Are additional funds needed to support these activities?

Funding would complement existing substance abuse prevention activities.

4. Does this funding add new program activities? If so, what are the activities? Is it appropriate to add these new activities at this time?

Yes. It would allow for outreach, coordination and educational opportunities for the purpose of getting prescribers in Central Oregon registered on PDMP. All of this would be done in collaboration with the Pain Standards Taskforce of the Central Oregon Health Council.

5. Is there a science base to support delivering the activities and services listed? Please describe that science base.

Yes, with greater observance to what a patient is prescribed there is a better opportunity to prevent addiction and over circulation of opioid medications in the community.

6. How long would the funding be available? If the funding is for less than three years, what is the plan to transition the work, staffing and expenses after the funding ends?

June – September 2016. The work will end without additional funding support.

7. What is the application deadline? Do you anticipate any problems meeting this deadline?

April 13, 2016. We don't anticipate problems meeting this deadline.

8. Do you have the staffing to write a competitive proposal? If not, how will you contract for these services?

Yes

9. Are there any matching requirements?

No

10. What other partner organizations could potentially be applying? What is the plan to work with them?

Only the four counties identified are able to apply. The four counties are, Clatsop, Deschutes, Multnomah and Union.

11. What are the potential political issues that could arise as a result of this application, funding, and/or activity?

Substance abuse prevention is historically political. Every effort is made to proceed with community-based informed and prioritized strategies so that political issues are minor. It is unknown what might surface from this funding opportunity.

12. What is the fiscal impact to the department if we are awarded this grant? Please attach fiscal impact analysis form completed with Business Manager approval.

Contractor or additional staff time: \$24,900
Program Supplies: \$10,000
Travel: \$1,100
Indirect: \$4,000
Total: \$40,000

13. Will a contract be required if we are awarded this grant? If yes, is there sufficient time to complete the contract process (estimated timeline: 4-6 weeks) prior to starting the work?

Yes, a contract will be required with the Oregon Health Authority. Staff will work to accommodate the time it takes for the contract process prior to work starting.


Department Director Signature

4/4/16
Date

Director to Attend Board Meeting? (check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Contract Specialist Review:

Board Meeting Date: _____

Time: _____

Grant Application Number: _____