



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

February 4, 2014

Mobile Health Program Funding

Introduction

The Mobile Health Program (MHP) was founded in 1976 by US Surgeon General Medallion Award recipient Dr. Augusto Ortiz. The mission of the MHP is to empower underserved communities to develop sustainable systems that increase access to healthcare services that prevent disease and promote health. MHP focuses on providing clinical services to pregnant women; underserved populations; and the uninsured, low income, unemployed and underemployed. The majority of target households have an annual income below \$10,000.

In 2012, MHP provided health services to an estimated 2,300 individuals. Current MHP clinic locations include the Littletown Recreation Center, New Life Resource Center, Tucson House and several churches in low income areas of the community.

MHP is requesting funding support from Pima County to help address funding shortfalls that will directly affect the number of clinic locations offered. Funding support will help maintain current clinic locations and add an additional clinic location at Summit View Elementary School, as well as to coordinate mobile health unit clinical services on food box distribution days with the Community Food Bank and Marana Food Bank.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve an allocation from the Contingency Fund in the amount of \$12,500 for The University of Arizona Mobile Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. Huckelberry".

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/mjk – January 30, 2014

c: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator for Medical and Health Services