



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Health Services Department and Department of Human Services recommending the Board approve and authorize said Departments to each sign a letter of support for El Dorado County Community Health Center to submit with their application for a CMSP Local Health Connections Pilot Project implementation grant, noting that this grant, if received, is intended to address the need for access and linkage to health care services for the homeless population in our community.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no cost (of any type) associated with these letters of support.

Background: The El Dorado County Community Health Center (EDCCHC) opened in 2003 as a collaborative effort with the County Health Services Department (then known as the Public Health Department). The EDCCHC subsequently became a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), operating independently from the County.

EDCCHC has been an active partner with both the Department of Human Services and the Health Services Department in ensuring the residents of the County receive quality and timely primary healthcare. This proposed pilot project would establish a system of health care coordination for homeless people, establishing access and linkages to available basic health care and disease management services. In addition, the project includes much-needed post-discharge respite housing for homeless patients recently discharged from medical facilities.

Reason for Recommendation: Board of Supervisors Policy A-5, Grant Endorsements for Non-County Agencies, requires Departments to obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors prior to providing endorsement for non-county grant applications. Approval of this Board item will allow the Departments to each sign letters of support, endorsing EDCCHC in its endeavor to secure grant funding to implement local-level care management, continuity of care, linkages to available services, advocacy and outreach for the homeless population in the County of El Dorado.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Department Directors to sign letters of support and forward to EDCCHC for inclusion with its grant application.

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