I. Office of Dental Health Update

Dr. Bahar Amanzadeh, Director, Office of Dental Health, Public Health Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Office of Dental Health Update.

The emphasis of the Alameda County Oral Health Strategic Plan is for those who have the greatest need and least capacity to access dental services to achieve health equity. The plan elements include: Access, Education, Workforce Development, Coordination & Oversight and Evaluation.

Local Dental Pilot Project Goals

**Prevention**
Increase the utilization of children ages 1-20 enrolled in Medi-Cal who receive any preventive dental service, by at least ten (10) percentage points over a 4-year period.

**Access to Care**
Increase the number of actively participating providers in each county who provide preventive services.

**Continuity of Care**
Increase utilization of children continuously enrolled in the Medi-Cal Dental Program who receive services performed by the same provider in 2, 3, 4 consecutive year periods.

**Accomplishments of Community Dental Care Coordination**
- Countywide diverse workforce of 27 Community Dental Care Coordinators (CDCCs) from 14 agencies
- An initial 8 week interactive training curriculum was designed and implemented
- CDCCs have started their outreach efforts

**Sustainability Planning**
- Plans for ongoing sustainability analysis through the project Steering Committee and Sustainability Workgroup to build on the infrastructure and to leverage other funding.
- Plans for partnerships with UCSF School of Dentistry and DentaQuest Foundation to identify and document lessons learned and best practices in order to support potential scaling or replication in other jurisdictions.
- Results to inform policy changes through DHCS on increasing reimbursement rates and incentives.

**Purpose:**
- [ ] Report progress
- [ ] Advocacy or Education
- [ ] Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
- [ ] Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.
II. Measure A One-Time Allocations

i. HIV Education and Prevention Program of Alameda County
   Attachment

James Nguyen, Interim Finance and Administration Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and Savannah O’Neil, Overdose Prevention Education and Naloxone Distribution (OPEND) Coordinator, HIV Education Prevention Project of Alameda County presented a PowerPoint presentation on the HIV Education and Prevention Program Measure A One-Time Allocation request.

The Overdose Prevention Education and Naloxone Distribution (OPEND) Pilot Project requests $150,000 to increase access to Naloxone, which serves persons who inject drugs through needle exchange sites in Berkeley, Fremont, Newark and Oakland and expand to reach persons at risk for drug overdose.

This funding will also help build capacity of organizations to respond to overdose risk and focus on integrating high-level services into Cherry Hill Detox and Sobering Center and continued focus on Santa Rita Jail and re-entry population.

ii. Brilliant Baby Pilot Project
   Attachment

Dr. Dayna Long, Director & Attending Pediatrician, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital and Amanda Feinstein, Program Director, Oakland Promise Brilliant Baby, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Brilliant Baby Pilot Project Measure A One-Time Allocation request.

The Oakland Promise Brilliant Baby Project is a 3-Year Demonstration Pilot and serves 1,500 babies/families and is available to all 2,200 Medi-Cal eligible babies under the age of one born in Alameda County and living in Oakland each year when fully scaled.

The Brilliant Baby Program goals include: improve the physical, developmental and socio-emotional health of babies born into poverty; address social determinants of health by connecting economically marginalized families to a broad range of resources to address unmet health needs and; improve parents’ knowledge and skills related to child development and engagement in parenting practices that promote optimal health and socio-emotional development for their babies.

The Health Care Services Agency requests a Measure A one-time allocation of $180,000 to

- Support FIND Desk Navigators to assess and refer 600 families for health needs
- Connect 360 families to resources that address medical, behavioral health, dental, substance abuse, food insecurity and child safety needs
- Enroll 180 families in Brilliant Baby Program
- Disseminate information on positive parenting practices and early childhood health and development tips to Brilliant Baby families

Purpose:
- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- **Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

**Recommendation from the Health Committee:** Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.
Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency, presented a memorandum on the Implications of the Affordable Care Act’s Individual Mandate Penalty Repeal.

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed major tax legislation which included a provision eliminating the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate that all individuals have health coverage, taking effect in 2019. Over time the action is projected to increase the number of uninsured Americans and increase the cost of health insurance.

Nationwide Impact

Without the individual mandate, some individuals will choose to forego purchasing health insurance. The Congressional Budget Office estimates about 13 million fewer Americans will be insured by 2025. Fewer people will sign up for health insurance and an increased concentration of sicker individuals will retain their health coverage. The Congressional Budget Office projects the average individual premium will rise about ten percent above current premium.

Local Impact

There is currently limited data on the projected impact of the individual mandate repeal on Alameda County. To date, the most local data estimates impact by congressional district, produced by the Center for American Progress. Alameda County is represented in Congressional Districts 13, 15 and 17. According to the Center for American Progress, across three congressional districts an estimated 97,600 fewer people will have health insurance.

State Efforts

California lawmakers have begun research on the issue. The Senate Governance and Finance Committee will hold a hearing on January 10, 2018 to examine the effects of the federal tax reform on Californians.

The repeal is not yet in effect, there is no change to the individual mandate for 2018. The Health Care Services Agency will continue to stay engaged as this will have an impact on County residents.

Purpose:

☐ Report progress
☒ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
☐ Other:

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.