

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: HLT 3693

Recommendation:

Approve new Arizona Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Program, Contract # ADHS18-180472 between the AZ Dept. of Health Services and Cochise Health and Social Services in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of 9/1/17 – 8/31/18 (contract runs through 8/31/22 but is subject to annual funding). This is a fixed-price grant.

Background (Brief):

The opioid prescribing awareness grant is awarded from AZDHS through a grant from the CDC in an effort to create an awareness around safe opioid prescribing practices and the processes by which to make treatment referrals. The education to be provided has demonstrated success in other states in reducing the number of unnecessarily prescribed opioids reducing the number of prescription abuse situations, especially among teens. Specifically, our aim will focus on promoting responsible prescribing and dispensing policies and practices and enhancement of assessments and referrals to substance abuse treatment. One of CHSS’s existing public health nurses will facilitate this education throughout the county with providers and provider groups.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

Salaries/EREs	\$87,314
A-87 OH at 54.87%	\$47,909
Authorized OH	<u>\$0</u>
Net County Subsidy	\$47,909

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up: Your approvals are respectfully requested.

Impact of Not Approving:

Continued and increased unneeded opioid prescriptions throughout the county potential increase in opioid addictions related to prescription abuse.