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# **Le Sueur County, MN**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2014**

**Board Meeting**

## **Item 5**

**5:20 p.m. Cindy Shaughnessy - Medica Agreement, UCare grant (10 minutes)**

**Staff Contact:**



**Public Health**  
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# LE SUEUR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners Meeting  
December 16, 2014

Cindy Shaughnessy, Director

## Public Health Agenda

- 1) Request for approval to sign Medica Agreement to provide case management and care coordination services to MSHO/MSCH+ (Minnesota Senior Health Options/Minnesota Senior Care Plus) members beginning January 1, 2015.
  - a. Brent Christian has reviewed the Agreement and has approved
  - b. Copy of the Agreement will be available at the meeting rather than posting as a Non-disclosure Agreement has been signed
- 2) Request for approval to accept a \$25,000 UCare Foundation grant. Grant application and budget (attached) were approved. Grant will be used to purchase laboratory grade vaccine refrigerator and separate freezer; initiate the Healthy Smiles program and provide dental education to low income children.

# Le Sueur County Public Health

## UCare Foundation Grant Application

### Activities:

1.) Le Sueur County Public Health would like to use this opportunity to initiate a health program to help improve access to preventative dental care and education for UCARE members and low income families in our communities. We have identified a lack of local dental providers willing to provide services to the above mentioned individuals. Historically, we were able to bridge this gap by partnering with the Ronald McDonald Dental Mobile, which is no longer able to provide services. We intend to use requested funds to:

a.) Partner with a local, collaborative practice registered dental hygienist, who currently offers dental health education, and preventative services, to individuals who are unable to find local dental care. She is the executive director of 'Healthy Smiles Incorporated', and has established a successful 'Healthy Smiles' Program in several other counties in Minnesota. Services would include an open clinic for screenings, cleanings, education, fluoride treatments, care coordination, and referrals to advanced dental professionals as needed. We also intend to purchase supplies (i.e. toothbrushes, educational materials, etc.) to enhance our education and outreach.

b.) Provide education to low-income children, and children in need of dental instruction, within our county school districts. We intend to offer classes emphasizing the importance of good brushing technique, and the importance of preventative care to reduce the associated risks of poor dental hygiene. We also intend to purchase supplies (i.e. toothbrushes, educational materials, ect.) to enhance our education and outreach.

2.) Le Sueur County Public Health would also like to use this opportunity to help sustain the current vaccine program that we offer, known as the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program. With this program, we are able to promote preventative health care by offering routine childhood immunizations to individuals aged 0-18 who are: uninsured, on medical assistance (including UCARE), and underinsured. We do not have enough medical providers locally, therefore, we provide access to care for many individuals that need immunizations that are recommended, and required by state law. Unfortunately, the vaccine refrigerator and freezer that we currently utilize will not meet the Minnesota Department of Health recommendations in 2015, as these are changing. We would like to purchase updated units to be able to meet these recommendations, and to continue providing this program to our eligible population.

### Carry Out Activities:

Megan Winynger, RN/PHN, and Vanessa Holicky, RN/PHN, intend to co-lead the proposed 'Le Sueur County Preventative Health Initiative'. For Activity #1, we intend to partner with Shannon Kruckeberg, Collaborative Practice Registered Dental Hygienist. We intend to have an open clinic at our Public Health Agency once a month. We plan to have our administrative assistant facilitate this initiative through the management of scheduling, and reminders. For Activity #2, we plan to have our vaccine coordinator,

Vanessa Holicky, RN/PHN, continue management of our MnVFC program, and ensure that the vaccine refrigerator and freezer we intend to purchase meets the Minnesota Department of Health standards.

**Community Benefit:**

We are confident that the proposed 'Le Sueur County Preventative Health Care Initiative' will have a long lasting benefit to our communities, and the individuals that reside here. We are respectfully asking for this funding as a means of starting, and sustaining, health prevention programs that offer convenient access to care. We are aware that UCARE is able to guarantee access to dental care for its members and we are also aware that most medical clinics offer vaccines that are covered by UCARE. Unfortunately, many of our members are not willing to travel the distance to an open and eligible provider, and therefore, forego dental services and immunizations in their entirety. In rural Minnesota, many of the dental providers are not accepting any new UCARE or PMAP clients which forces clients to travel a great distance for an appointment. This is definitely a barrier to dental access for our population. We feel that this initiative will address this barrier, bridge the access to care gap, and improve health inequities in our area. We are confident that by having the funding to establish these programs now, we can develop sustainability in the future through alternative methods of billing and fiscal resources. We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with UCARE, to ensure that we can provide improved access for our clients to local resources and providers.

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# UCare Foundation Project Budget Form

## LE SUEUR COUNTY PROJECT BUDGET PROPOSAL

### INCOME

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Support</i>	
Government grants	\$
Foundations (UCARE 2014 County Grant)	\$ 25,000.00
Corporations	\$
United Way or other federated campaigns	\$
Individual contributions	\$
Fundraising events and products	\$
Membership income	\$
In-kind support	\$
Investment income	\$
<i>Revenue</i>	
Government contracts	\$
Earned income	\$
Other (specify)	\$
	\$
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>

### EXPENSES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%FT/PT</u>
Salaries, wages, and benefits (breakdown by individual position and indicate full- or part-time.)		
Megan Wyingner, RN, PHN	\$948.48	FT
Vanessa Holicky, RN, PHN	\$948.48	FT
Tricia Christensen, Administrative Assistant	\$567.12	FT
Shannon Kruckeberg, Dental Hygienist	\$8,640.00	PT
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,104.08</b>	
Consultants and professional fees	\$	
Travel	\$	
Equipment (Minnesota Department of Health approved vaccine refrigerator and freezer)	\$12,000.00	
Supplies (Toothbrushes, educational materials, outreach supplies, ect.)	\$1,500.00	
Printing and copying	\$395.92	
Telephone and fax	\$	
Postage and delivery	\$	
Rent and utilities	\$	
In-kind expenses	\$	
Depreciation	\$	
Other (specify)	\$	
	\$	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	
<b>Difference (Income less Expense)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	