



Tobacco Settlement Spending Plan

FY 2002-03

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Planning Process

The Health Care Agency (HCA) and community advocates collaborated on a detailed spending plan for the health care portion of the FY 2002-03 Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSR). HCA and community advocates met throughout the year to monitor the progress of the current projects funded by TSR and to identify strategic health initiatives. Community representation was expanded this year to include representatives for Persons with Disabilities and Faith-Based Organizations along with the ongoing participation of the Physicians, Hospitals, Community Clinics, Mental Health, Seniors, Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Treatment, and Tobacco Use Prevention representatives. Subcommittees for specific Measure H categories were formed to broaden community participation and involve subject area experts in developing the detailed proposals.

The proposed spending plan includes new proposed programs and the continuation of some of the programs initiated in prior years. All of the proposals were developed in collaboration with community representatives.

Measure H Categories

The Orange County Tobacco Settlement Funds received from the Tobacco Litigation Master Settlement Agreement of 1998 are allocated and appropriated as follows:

- 19% to provide health care services for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- 12% to tobacco prevention and control, including cessation services, for youth and adults to reduce smoking and the consumption of tobacco, other addiction programs, and community mental health programs and facilities.
- 20% to non-profit community clinics.
- 23% to fund emergency medical services provided by emergency room physicians and emergency room on-call physician specialists.
- 6% to hospitals within Orange County maintaining basic or comprehensive emergency services or trauma centers to cover the costs of providing charity care.
- 20% to the Sheriff's Department for public safety programs and services.

All of the proposed programs will include components to promote tobacco use prevention and cessation. The proposed programs will also be monitored to ensure conformance with program objectives and outcome measures. The new programs are designed to start in September in order to allow time to evaluate the prior year program outcomes.

The proposed health priorities totaling approximately \$38.9 million in estimated costs for FY 2002-03 have been identified below. This total includes approximately \$9.4 million in FY 2001-02 Tobacco Settlement Revenues and \$29.5 million projected in FY 2002-03. The \$9.4 million in FY 2001-02 funds includes higher than expected Tobacco Settlement payments and approximately \$4 million in unexpended funds for programs started in FY 2001-02.

In the event that the Tobacco Settlement Revenues received for FY 2002-03 are greater or less than the estimated \$29.5 million, the County Executive Office and Health Care Agency will recommend adjustments to the spending plan accordingly.

Tobacco Settlement Health Priorities FY 2002-03

Measure H Category	FY 2001-02 Funds	FY 2002-03 Funds	Total
Health Care Services for Seniors and the Disabled	3,672,500	7,884,000	11,556,500
▪ Treatment and Direct Services	0	2,247,000	2,247,000
▪ Prevention and Education Services	492,500	302,000	794,500
▪ Facilitation and Access to Health Care	0	547,000	547,000
▪ Senior Non-Emergency Medical Transportation	3,180,000	2,250,000	5,430,000
▪ Mental Health Programs for the Disabled	0	2,538,000	2,538,000
Tobacco Prevention/Control, Other Addictions and Community Mental Health	1,600,800	4,983,000	6,583,800
▪ Tobacco Prevention/Cessation	1,101,800	1,484,000	2,585,800
▪ Substance Abuse Treatment	0	2,169,000	2,169,000
▪ Substance Abuse Prevention	499,000	450,000	949,000
▪ Community Mental Health Programs	0	880,000	880,000
Community Clinics	1,498,000	6,807,000	8,305,000
Emergency Room Physicians/On-call Physician Specialists	2,602,000	7,828,000	10,430,000
Hospitals to Offset the Cost of Charity Care	0	2,042,000	2,042,000
Total Proposed TSR Program Costs	9,373,300	29,544,000	38,917,300

HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND THE DISABLED:

- **Treatment/Direct Services \$2,247,000**

The proposed projects to provide treatment and direct services include the continuation of the Senior Health Outreach Programs for high-risk elderly with health and mental health needs, funding for urgent medical/behavioral health assessments for vulnerable older adults, medications and durable medical equipment in urgent situations, one-time funding for nutrition and medical transportation services for HIV disabled persons, bi-cultural, bi-lingual mental health treatment for older adults with depression, and the development and testing of ethnically sensitive menus for three different target ethnic groups at selected elderly nutrition sites.

- **Prevention/Education Services \$794,500**

The proposals for prevention and education services include the continued implementation of a Targeted Health Education Campaign approved in FY 2001-02 to focus on alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, poor nutrition, physical inactivity and other behaviors that lead to chronic disease in older adults.

New initiatives in prevention and education include the expansion of the Preventive Health Care for the Aging Program services for low-income older adults with chronic diseases, and support for a collaboration of organizations providing volunteer visitors to homebound and isolated elders to coordinate with community resources such as the Office on Aging Information and Assistance Line, as well as the Senior Health Outreach and Prevention Program.

- **Facilitation/Access to Health Care Services \$547,000**

The proposed programs for FY 2002-03 to facilitate and improve access to health services for seniors and persons with disabilities include support for a program that would use community health workers to connect high-risk Latino elders and their families to health services, and a Health Insurance Advocacy and Counseling Program to assist Latino persons with disabilities to obtain appropriate health care.

- **Senior Non-Emergency Medical Transportation \$5,430,000**

This proposed allocation includes approximately \$3.18 million in FY 2001-02 TSR funds obligated for non-emergency transportation purposes in addition to \$2.2 million of continued support for increasing the options for non-emergency medical transportation for seniors.

- **Mental Health Programs for the Disabled \$2,538,000**

The proposed mental health programs in this category include continuing partial funding for a rehabilitation program for seriously and persistently mentally disabled adults and new initiatives that provide a dedicated clinical team to respond to provide 5150 assessments of high risk mentally ill persons throughout the County, a Board and Care facility with an intensive outpatient pilot program to help individuals integrate more rapidly into the community, and a proposal to provide intensive outpatient services to consumers who are frequently hospitalized and/or incarcerated.

TOBACCO PREVENTION/CONTROL AND OTHER ADDICTION PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS:

- **Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Programs \$2,585,800**

These proposals include the continuation of Tobacco-Free Communities, (TFC) a community-school linked tobacco education and cessation program, and tobacco cessation services that will include no cost one-on-one counseling, phone counseling, and self-help seminars for people who wish to quit smoking.

New initiatives for tobacco prevention and cessation include additional media support to the Tobacco Free Communities program, providing tobacco prevention literature and materials to all of the other TSR-funded programs, a community wide anti-tobacco event and funding for innovative, and research-based demonstration projects to reduce youth access to tobacco.

- **Substance Abuse Treatment \$3,118,000**

Substance Abuse Treatment proposals include the continuation of the following programs that were launched in FY 2001-02: continue funding for residential substance abuse treatment for pregnant or parenting women and their children, and Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services for families involved in Domestic Violence,

New initiatives for Substance Abuse Treatment include residential substance abuse detoxification and treatment services to adults; residential substance abuse treatment for

women; psychiatric services at contracted and County operated substance abuse treatment facilities for clients with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse diagnoses;

▪ **Substance Abuse Prevention \$949,000**

Substance abuse prevention plans include the continuation of the Comprehensive School-Based Program involving schools and community based agencies in planning and implementing substance abuse prevention, data collection on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug use, and support for the Community Mentor Partnership which serves young people living in "high risk" environments (shelters, transitional living homes, and motels).

Start up funds to initiate a County-wide Methamphetamine partnership, implement the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), a system to collect data from hospital emergency departments and medical examiners; a hotline; and an education and community mobilization program to counteract the marketing and targeted promotion of alcohol in the Hispanic/Latino media are new prevention ideas for FY 2002-03.

▪ **Community Mental Health Programs \$880,000**

The community mental health initiatives proposed for FY 2002-03 include increasing funding for inpatient psychiatric beds and mental health treatment for clients.

COMMUNITY CLINICS: \$8.30 million

Tobacco Settlement funds will further enhance healthcare services provided by community clinics. Services and/or hours of operation would continue to be expanded. Outcome measures include increasing access to primary services including medical, dental, mental health, and health education; developing a system of care, strengthening operational capacity, and may include pilot collaborations among the clinics. Of the \$8.30 million allocated to community clinics, \$1.5 million is funding from FY 2001-02 that will be utilized in FY 2002-03.

EMERGENCY ROOM AND ON-CALL PHYSICIAN SPECIALISTS: \$10.43 million

This allocation provides funding to compensate emergency room physicians and emergency room on-call physician specialists for services for non-paying patients. The Orange County Medical Association will continue assisting physicians in developing tobacco use prevention and cessation education programs and assess physician efforts in disseminating the information.

HOSPITALS PROVIDING CHARITY CARE: \$2.04 million

This allocation funds Orange County hospitals providing emergency medical services based on the level of uncompensated care provided. Each hospital's funding will be proportionate to the level of uncompensated care it provides. Hospitals shall maintain basic or comprehensive emergency services.