

Legislation Text

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Approval of Grant Funding from the Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) - Ang

On September 15, 2015 the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced the awarding of \$378,654 to the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center (LCHD/CHC). Funding will be used to expand access to primary care services at existing locations. Through this project, a total of 6.87 staff will be added to the Grand Avenue Health Center and the Libertyville Behavioral Health Home. New staff will include a Medical Assistant (1 FTE), a Senior Clerk (1 FTE), a Dietitian (1 FTE), a Tobacco Cessation Counselor (.2 FTE), a Call Center Clerk (1 FTE), a Referral Specialist (1 FTE) and a Staff Nurse (1 FTE). Two existing physicians will also add clinical hours as part of this project (total new time = .67 FTE).

To accommodate these staff and create more availability of appointments, LCHD/CHC will add primary care hours at both locations. Ten new primary care hours per week will be added at the Libertyville site while sixteen new primary care hours per week will be added at the Grand Avenue Health Center. New hours are scheduled to take effect January 1st, 2016. Any changes in the hours of operation will, as required, be submitted to the Governing Council for approval.

In addition to the grant award, LCHD/CHC projects program income from new visits to be \$102,151; this includes \$73,956 from Medicaid; \$15,513 from Medicare; \$5,858 from Private Insurance; and \$6,824 in patient fees from uninsured patients. This, together with the grant award, totals \$480,805 for the total program budget.

Both the Libertyville and Grand Avenue sites serve patients with severe mental illness (SMI). Expanded service activities are in alignment with LCHD/CHC's plan to deliver comprehensive care for patients with SMI including providing access to both primary care and supportive services such as nutritional counseling and tobacco cessation services. Proposed activities are also in alignment with the LCHD/CHC strategic plan goal to assess and reduce barriers to care and covered services.

By December 31, 2017, expanded service activities are projected to add at least 261 new patients to the LCHD/CHC.

To approve the grant funding of \$378,654 from the Health Resources and Services Administration and the projected program income of \$102,151 for the addition of 6.87 FTE staffing hours to the Libertyville Behavioral Health Home and the Grand Avenue Health Center.