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The Honorable Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Dave Hunt, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
900 Court Street NE
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Re: Notification of a State Primary Care Office Cooperative Agreement
Supplemental Funding Award – ARRA Funding – Non Competitive –
DHS-PH-33

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Public Health Division has received notice of available supplemental funds for an estimated \$102,030 for the State Primary Care Office Cooperative Agreement. The award period for these funds is upon federal approval of Oregon's implementation plan through September 30, 2011. The increased funding is available to each State Primary Care Office and is based on the current number of National Health Services Corps (NHSC) clinician vacancies. NHSC clinicians practice in underserved areas of the state.

The increased funding is made available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). The notification was received on June 19, 2009. The application due date will be announced during the July 9, 2009 technical assistance conference call with states. This increased federal funding requires no state matching funds or maintenance of effort beyond the grant award period.

Funding from the State Primary Care Cooperative Agreement is used to identify health professional shortage areas across the state, address migrant health issues, provide technical assistance to communities addressing access to healthcare needs, and provide support for NHSC clinicians across Oregon. The net impact of these activities improves access to care for low income populations and the leverages millions of federal dollars to support community and rural health centers across Oregon.

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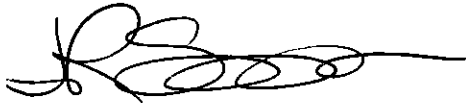


These supplemental funds will be used to support NHSC outreach, recruitment and retention, and will result in more clinicians practicing in Oregon for longer periods of time.

At the end of the ARRA funding cycle, DHS will continue the base State Primary Care Cooperative Agreement activities. There is not an expectation that the state will provide continued funding for this activity at the ARRA level. This grant is non-competitive and therefore this is a notification only.

These federal funds further the DHS mission to assist Oregonians to become independent, healthy, and safe by insuring timely access to needed health services. DHS will return to a future Emergency Board for any necessary position or expenditure limitation adjustments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Scherzinger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Scherzinger
Deputy Director of Finance

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