

Background



- **The Legislature appropriated \$6.5 million to DOH in 2008-09 LIP funds to support primary care/emergency room diversion projects;**
- **DOH funded two such projects with 2007-08 LIP funds – Sarasota Health Care Access and the Duval Emergency Room Alternative programs;**
- **DOH Intent – establish additional Sarasota/Duval-type projects.**

DOH Vision



Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Florida's health care system using three key interventions:

- 1. Redirect persons with low acuity conditions from hospital ERs to outpatient clinics;**
- 2. Provide effective disease management to persons with health care risk factors;**
- 3. Screen uninsured persons and actively assist in obtaining 3rd party coverage through public sources, health flex plans, etc.**

LIP Project Selection Process

Set a maximum funding amount per project at \$650,000.

Developed a standard project application form that sought key information on projects including:

- **The outreach plan;**
- **The primary care expansion plan;**
- **The disease management plan.**

Elements Sought in Outreach:

- **Door-to-door outreach in high risk neighborhoods;**
- **Outreach that includes both health screening and 3rd party eligibility assistance;**
- **Screening processes established in hospital ERs, hospital discharge offices, and urgent care clinics.**

Elements Sought in Primary Care Expansion

- **Additional primary care capacity;**
- **Extending hours to weekday evenings and weekends;**
- **Linkages among local providers and evidence of cooperation.**

Elements Sought in Disease Management

- **Expansion of disease management infrastructure;**
- **Effective process for identifying potential patients;**
- **Use of proven, systematic disease management programs and protocols.**

Review and Selection Process

- **DOH assembled seven staff with previous experience selecting primary care projects;**
- **Each team member independently scored each project application using a point system;**
- **Ordinal rankings from each team member of all project applications were averaged for the final ranking;**
- **DOH Deputy Secretaries and EOG gave final approval.**

Applications

DOH received 34 applications:

- **30 County Health Departments;**
- **Three Federally Qualified Health Centers;**
- **Miami-Dade Planning Office.**

Projects Selected

- Citrus CHD \$348,722;
- Dixie CHD \$650,000;
- Duval CHD \$650,000;
- Jefferson/Madison CHD \$406,138;
- Lake CHD \$650,000;
- Okaloosa CHD \$650,000;
- Orange CHD \$649,350;

Selected Projects (cont.)

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| ➤ Pinellas CHD | \$646,729; |
| ➤ Polk CHD | \$650,000; |
| ➤ Sarasota CHD | \$600,000; |
| ➤ <u>St. Johns River RHN</u> | <u>\$650,000.</u> |
| Total | \$6,550,939 |

Three 2007-08 DOH LIP projects were not funded:

- **Walton CHD;**
- **Lee CHD;**
- **Charlotte CHD.**

Each formerly received \$200,000.

One 2007-08 LIP project received reduced funding:

- **St. Johns River RHN was decreased from \$1.0 million to \$650,000.**

Monitoring Plan



DOH will closely monitor 2008-09 projects

- **Overall initiative will be overseen by a steering committee;**
- **First quarter – two conference calls per month to track progress, identify problems, identify best practices, etc;**
- **Projects not substantially meeting objectives will be de-funded in year 2.**



Evaluation

- **Critical to systematically collect data on project impact;**
- **DOH will adopt core evaluation measures applicable to all projects.**

Two key indicators of success:

- (1) Empirical evaluation data;**
- (2) Perception of local hospitals.**



Questions?