

## CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

**DEPARTMENT:** Clark County Public Health (CCPH) CCPH SR2015-1543

**SUBMISSION DATE:** June 15, 2015

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Board of County Councilors' ratification of Staff Report SR2015-1542, signed by the County Manager on June 11, 2015, providing approval to submit an application to the State of Washington, Department of Health, for grant funding that will provide an Infection Prevention Nurse Consultant and authorization for the Public Health Director to sign application, contract, and any amendments. Further ratify CCPH's request for authorization for the Public Health Director to sign the grant application, the agreement, any amendments, as well as any corresponding professional service agreements to carry out the grant requirements. Remuneratin under this agreement shall not exceed \$414,000.

SR Number:

Assigned by the manager's office

YES	NO	ACTION
		County Manager review and approval
		Referral to BOCC
X		Hearing required
06/23/2015		Proposed hearing date if referred to BOCC

### BACKGROUND

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The specific job responsibilities of the Infection Prevention Consultants will be to:



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- Assess infection prevention capacity of healthcare facilities located within the LHJ-jurisdiction or region.
- Conduct site visits to healthcare facilities. The LHJ-based Infection Prevention Consultants will focus site visits in non-hospital settings (e.g., ambulatory care, long-term care facilities).
- Develop educational tools for healthcare facilities.
- Assist healthcare facilities with outbreak investigations and general infection prevention inquiries.
- Collaborate with the Washington State Department of Health and Infection Prevention/Quality Organizations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**PREVIOUS REVIEWS AND ACTIONS**

N/A

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Participation in the LHJ-Infection Prevention Liaison Program will provide CCPH with the technical expertise required to assess the infection prevention capacity of our health care facilities. The need assessment findings will inform the design of an outreach strategy targeting our health care partners, particularly those identified as having limited infection prevention capacity. Toolkits will also be created with the aim of building infection prevention capacity amongst our partners. CCPH has created a robust network of local and regional partners specifically dedicated to preventing communicable diseases. These partnerships will be leveraged to facilitate site visits, assess capacity, identify gaps, and pilot educational tools.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

YES	NO	
		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
X		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

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SUBMITTED BY:

  
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Jeff Harrison  
Acting Public Health Director

DATE:

6/15/15  
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BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS  
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clark County Washington,  
Board of County Councilors

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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SR# SR 129-15

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**COUNTY MANAGER ACTION\RECOMMENDATION**

**By:** Mark McCauley  
**Date:**  
**SR Number:**

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<u>Approval</u> <del>denial</del>	<i>Enter conditions or requests here</i>	<u>Yes</u> <del>No</del>

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 Mark McCauley, County Manager

6/17/15  
 Date

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# BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

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## Part 2: Budget Impact

Include full position costs, including salaries and benefits.

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## Part 3: FTE Profile Over Time

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**CLARK COUNTY  
STAFF REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT:** Clark County Public Health (CCPH) **CCPH SR2015-1542**

**SUBMISSION DATE:** June 10, 2015

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Date 6/11/15

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# Application for Infection Prevention Funding



## 1. Contact Information

Local Health Jurisdiction	Clark County
Name	Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH
Position at LHJ	Administrator/Health Officer
Phone	360-397-8412
E-Mail Address	Alan.Melnick@clark.wa.gov

## 2. Please describe why you are interested in receiving funding for an infection prevention nurse consultant.

See attached document "Application Write-Up".

## 3. We envision that this position will work closely with non-hospital healthcare facilities in your LHJ or healthcare region. Is there a type of healthcare facility that has more of an infection prevention need than others (e.g., ambulatory surgery centers, dialysis centers, long-term care)?

Yes

No

Unsure

3a. If yes, please indicate which type of facility you would like to focus your infection prevention efforts? *Please select 1 or 2 choices.*

Ambulatory Surgery Centers

Long-term Care

Ambulatory Care

Other: Click here to enter text.

Dialysis Centers

## 4. Do you have an interest in working on a regional level, beyond the geographical boundaries of the LHJ? *An example of a regional approach to healthcare services is the "Healthier Washington: Accountable Communities of Health" model - [http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/communities\\_of\\_health.aspx](http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/communities_of_health.aspx)*

Yes

No, would prefer to work within my LHJ geographical boundaries

Undecided

# Application for Infection Prevention Funding



## Additional Comments

See supplemental attachments.

Please submit your completed application to the Washington State Department of Health via email or fax to:

Sara Podczervinski, RN, MPH, CIC  
Program Manager – Healthcare Associated Infections  
Washington State Department of Health  
Phone: 206-418-5519  
Fax: 206-418-5515  
Email: [sara.podczervinski@doh.wa.gov](mailto:sara.podczervinski@doh.wa.gov)

**Question 2: Describe why you are interested in receiving funding for an infection prevention nurse consultant.**

Clark County Public Health (CCPH) has clear goals for utilizing an infection prevention nurse consultant (IPNC) that are detailed enough to provide direction, yet general enough to allow adaptation to the findings of a gap analysis. CCPH has created a robust network with local and regional partners specifically dedicated to preventing communicable diseases. These partnerships can be leveraged to facilitate site visits, capacity building and outreach activities, and pilot newly developed educational tools.

One such partnership is the regional Infectious Disease (ID) Advisory Committee. This partnership, facilitated by CCPH, includes hospital infection preventionists, employee health administrators, long term care partners, infectious disease physicians and our Cowlitz Public Health counterparts. This Committee brings these partners together to address prevention and control of communicable diseases in our community and health care facilities. The positional power of this group would allow an IPNC to engage in policy level decision-making among local hospitals, large outpatient clinics and long-term care facilities. It would also allow CCPH to expand the scope and depth of our work through this existing partnership.

The collaboration developed through the ID Advisory Committee led to the formation of another successful partnership formed in response to an emerging infection prevention need, an alarming increase in *C. difficile* in local hospitals and long-term care facilities. The HAI Taskforce, which includes both local hospitals and several long-term care facilities, was successful in controlling *C. diff* because it allowed these partners to address *C. diff* as a community problem rather than a facility problem. As the Taskforce evolved, its focus shifted to decreasing the incidence of other healthcare-associated infections and improving health care outcomes for patients. Some of the key issues the Taskforce addresses include managing sepsis, increasing staff immunization rates, improving inter-facility transfers, promoting employee hygiene education, and sharing best practices for the implementation of outbreak control measures. An IPNC could bolster CCPH's participation in this Taskforce and coordinate frontline prevention efforts in long-term care facilities.

While CCPH has a strong communicable disease investigation team and supportive partners, our limited resources and technical expertise preclude us from fully assessing the risk of exposure in health care facility based disease investigations. The addition of such expertise would allow the opportunity to build stronger partnerships and capacity with our health care partners, while simultaneously fostering skills transfer to our own CD team.

Clark County has the largest metro-area in Southwest Washington, making it a strategic location for a position with a regional function. CCPH works closely with neighboring Washington State counties (Cowlitz and Skamania) as well as the Oregon tri-county area (Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas) in. These regional partnerships would allow an IPNC to have a broad impact by utilizing an established public health network that spans multiple counties and two states.

**The expertise brought by the IPNC could be applied to:**

- 1) Assessing health care partner capacity to respond to communicable disease emergencies and emerging pathogens
- 2) Expanding our Ebola response plan developed in coordination with health care partners to include other likely public health emergency scenarios
- 3) Conducting site assessments to inform infection prevention capacity building needs
- 4) Developing educational materials and toolkits that can be adapted for use in our region
- 5) Educating partners through outreach on emerging highly resistant pathogens most commonly transmitted in medical settings, prevention, and outbreak preparedness.
- 6) Working with the Clark County ID Advisory Committee and HAI Taskforce to identify additional local and regional infection prevention needs.

**Supplemental Attachments:**

- APIC Chapter 014 Agenda
- ID Advisory Committee Agenda
- HAI Taskforce Agenda
- HAI Taskforce Article: Acute, post-acute partnerships reduce C. diff about 50% in Washington state