



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: May 6, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, Director
County Health Department
Contact Info: Dr. Henning Ansorg, Health Officer
SUBJECT: Primary Diagnostics, Inc. Memorandum of Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of the County Health Department to execute Primary Diagnostics, Inc. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a period of five years, beginning May 6, 2025 and terminating on May 5, 2030 for the purposes of improving County Health Lab's response coordination (Attachment A);
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to make any required certifications in accordance with the Primary Diagnostics, Inc. MOA;
- c) Approve and authorize the Director of the County Health Department to execute any future amendments and/or extensions to the Primary Diagnostics, Inc MOA upon review and concurrence by County Counsel's Office, Risk Management, and the Auditor-Controller's Office, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegation at any time; and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are creation of a governmental funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Primary Diagnostics, Inc. provides public health laboratory computer connectivity services between the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and County public health laboratories and will optimize the County Health laboratory's capacity for testing COVID-19 or other infectious diseases. This item is on the agenda for approval and authorization for the Director of County Health to sign the Primary Diagnostics, Inc. MOA. Approving this would allow the County Health Lab to support seamless connectivity between public health labs and Primary's platform, **Primary Connect**, which facilitates data exchange and lab capacity optimization; and integration and connectivity with the Public Health Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS), Orchard.

Background:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the overwhelming volume of tests referred to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) labs in various counties made it apparent that lack of communication amongst labs and their respective LIMS caused limitations in turnaround time of test results. As such, CDPH has partnered with Primary Health and International Responder Systems to create and enable an integration between 29 California public health labs and their respective LIMS. CDPH covers all cost of the project including future support and licensing fees.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no fiscal impacts to the County Health Department as operational costs for the interconnectivity are maintained by CDPH and these funding arrangements will be made directly between CDPH and Primary Diagnostics, Inc. For reference, the MOA states:

WHEREAS, the Parties receive funds for participating in the Primary Integration Project from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), which creates a mechanism to distribute testing between the public health labs based on real-time available capacity.

Special Instructions:

Please return one Certified Minute Order to the County Health Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – Primary Diagnostics, Inc. MOA

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