



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 25, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Public Health Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: California Department of Public Health Data Access Agreement – COVID-19 Dataset

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 Public Health Department to execute an Agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for data access to a COVID-19 dataset for a two (2) year term ending June 25, 2026 at no cost to the County; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of the Public Health Department to execute no-cost amendments to the COVID-19 Dataset Agreement upon review and approval 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
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), since the recommended actions are creation of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for approval and authorization to sign the CDPH Data Access Agreement – COVID-19 Dataset for use by the Public Health Department, including the Epidemiology Unit to evaluate

local COVID, immunization, and health issues through analysis of databases from the CDPH’s California Reportable Disease Information Exchange and the California Immunization Registry (Attachment A).

Background:

A similar Data Use Agreement was originally executed during the COVID-19 pandemic and has proven beneficial in analyzing not only COVID-19, but other immunization data for the Santa Barbara County. Due to the success, CDPH is continuing the system to be used beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. This allows the Public Health Department to compare trends in Santa Barbara County to the State of California and assist in better understanding of health issues.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: There is no fiscal impact associated with this Data Access Agreement.

Key Contract Risks:

The Public Health Departments Information Technology has ensured data will be stored securely. There are multiple policies, procedures, and training in place to minimize the risk of a breach. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) does not apply to the dataset.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Certified Minute Order to the PHD Group Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. CDPH Data Use Agreement – COVID-19 Dataset

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