



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Agenda Number:**

**Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** County Health Department  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** April 21, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health  
Contact: Lars Seifert, Deputy Director of Operations  
**SUBJECT: Tenth Amendment to Oregon Community Health Information Network Master System Agreement**

Signed by:  
*Mouhanad Hammami*  
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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: N/A**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a Tenth Amendment (Attachment A) to the Master System Agreement with Oregon Community Health Information Network (OCHIN) to add and exercise an option to extend the term of the agreement for an additional three years beginning April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029, and to increase funding by \$3,800,000 for the additional three-year period for a revised total amount not to exceed \$12,524,600; and
- b) Determine that the recommended action is not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended action is the creation of governmental funding mechanisms or other governmental fiscal activities that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda for your Board to approve and execute a Tenth Amendment to the Master System Agreement with Oregon Community Health Information Network (OCHIN) to further extend the agreement beyond the current renewal limit authority to allow for an additional three-year term

extension through March 31, 2029. This amendment also increases funding by \$3,800,000 for the additional three-year period for a revised total of \$12,524,600.

**Discussion:**

OCHIN is the vendor for the County Health Department's (CHD) Electronic Medical Record (EMR), which hosts the EPIC health record charting system for CHD. The agreement with Oregon Community Health Information Network (OCHIN) was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 21, 2017. Under the agreement, OCHIN has provided a combined practice management system and electronic medical record (EMR) system, and professional services. CHD requires OCHIN's continued support to maintain the practice management, clinical, and financial aspects of the system.

The amendment before your board acts to extend the term of the agreement with OCHIN for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2029, and increases the total contract amount by \$3,800,000.

**Background:**

OCHIN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health center-controlled network with over 500 current member organizations. OCHIN members are community health centers including more than 100 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), FQHC look-alikes, rural, and school-based health centers. The advantages of being an OCHIN member include services such as assessment, training, meaningful use and support. CHD requires that OCHIN optimizes the EMR module to maintain FQHC status. OCHIN optimizes the EPIC EMR modules for its members. OCHIN also supports CHD efforts in population health management and patient centered medical homes whereby OCHIN enhances CHD's secure health information exchange capabilities and web-based patient portals that let patients and doctors communicate easily, safely, and securely over the internet.

**Performance Measure:**

CHD and outside entities are mutually responsible for maintaining patient protected information from unauthorized access and improper disclosure of this information. The OCHIN EMR contains tools and functionality to restrict access to highly sensitive patient care and treatment information (e.g. substance abuse treatment information) and has the ability to document each individual that has accessed the EMR and the information they have viewed.

**Contract Renewals:**

OCHIN has been providing a combined practice management system and EMR system since 2017 and has provided excellent services. The existing agreement allowed up to three (3) renewals, with each renewal term being two (2) years in length. The County has completed the initial term and the permitted renewals. This amendment adds an additional option to extend the term and exercises the option to add an additional three years through March 31, 2029.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Approval of the recommended action increases the funding by \$3,800,000 for the additional three-year period for a revised total amount of \$12,524,600. This will allow the department to continue its membership in OCHIN and its use of the OCHIN-supplied EPIC EHR and Practice Management System at an estimated average cost of approximately \$1,270,000 per year.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

These costs are funded by a combination of Federal Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) grant funds and generated patient service fees from Medi-Cal, Medicare, and other public programs.

The allotment has been included in CHD's FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget, subject to Board approval, and will be included in subsequent year's Recommended Budgets.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>FY 2027-28</b>	<b>FY 2028-29</b>	<b>Total</b>
Federal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	<b>\$60,000</b>
Patient Services Fees	\$1,180,000	\$1,280,000	\$1,280,000	<b>\$3,740,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>	<b>\$3,800,000</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please execute two original Tenth Amendments to the Agreement with OCHIN and retain one original Agreement and one Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org) when available for pickup.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Tenth Amendment to the OCHIN Professional Services Agreement

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