

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Department Name: PHD
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Roger E. Heroux, M.P.A., Director
Public Health Department

STAFF CONTACT: Paige Batson (681-5121)
Disease Control and Prevention Manager

SUBJECT: Bioterrorism Preparedness Agreement for Professional Services and Personnel
Resolution in the Public Health Department

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Request the Chair of the Board of Supervisors sign the enclosed Certification Against Supplanting for the Santa Barbara Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism Program.
2. Request the Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of Public Health to sign any subsequent Certifications Against Supplanting, which will be a component of future reporting requirements.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 to ensure a safe and healthy community in which to live, work, and visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In response to the heightened threat of bioterrorism, Congress authorized funding through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (Section 319 of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d) to support countering potential biological threats to the civilian population. This funding was provided under the Department of Defense and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States Act, 2002 (Public Law 107-117). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also made funding available to local health jurisdictions for public health preparedness and response to bioterrorism, infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies. These federal dollars are being administered to local jurisdictions through the California State Department of Health Services.

On February 3, 2004, the Public Health Department (PHD) submitted its preparedness plan to the California Department of Health Services. In December 2003, the Board authorized the Director of Public Health to sign the *Local Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism Program Application for Funding* in the amount of \$713,770 for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

As outlined in the preparedness plan submitted last December, the PHD has been administering activities within six (6) separate Focus Areas defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Each Focus Area has its own requirements, and has been funded with monies that cannot be used to replace or supplant existing funding. The differing Focus Areas are listed below:

Focus Area A: Local Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment

Focus Area B: Surveillance and Epidemiology Capacity

Focus Area C: Biologic Laboratory Capacity

Focus Area E: Health Alert Network/Communications and Information Technology

Focus Area F: Risk Communication and Health Information Dissemination

Focus Area G: Education and Training

Recommendation One: The California Department of Health Services received a progress report from the PHD on June 20, 2003, and is now requesting that all health jurisdictions submit a Certification Against Supplanting as a part of its reporting requirements. Division 101, Chapter 3, Article 6, Part 3, Section 101315(d) of the Health and Safety Code, requires the Chair of the Board of Supervisors certify that appropriated monies have not been used to supplant funding for existing levels of service. In Santa Barbara County, all appropriated monies were used for new staff, equipment, or additional program services. No supplantation of existing levels of program service has occurred.

Thus, the State requires that the Chair of the Board sign the enclosed Certification Against Supplanting for Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism Fiscal Year 2003-04.

Recommendation Two: The California Department of Health Services will require future Certifications Against Supplanting as a routine part of its reporting requirements. Delegating authority to the Director of the Public Health Department will assist with efficient progress reporting to the State.

Signing the enclosed certification, and allowing the Director of the Public Health Department to sign future Certifications Against Supplanting, will allow the Public Health Department to complete its reporting as required.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Though this is not a mandated program, the Health and Safety Code 101040 authorizes the Health Officer to take preventive measures that may be necessary to protect the public.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approval of these actions will not increase the Public Health Department's General Fund Contribution.

There is no fiscal or facilities impact associated with the execution of the Certification Against Supplanting.

Special Instructions:

Please return the original copy of the Certification Against Supplanting with a copy of the minute order to the PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attn: Margaret A. Granger (805) 681 5367

Concurrence:

Not applicable.

CERTIFICATION FORM

**Public Health Preparedness & Response to Bioterrorism
Local Health Department Funding
Fiscal Year 2003-04**

Santa Barbara County

I hereby certify that the above-named local health department shall not use funds allocated by the California Department of Health Services to supplant funding for existing levels of service and that funds shall only be used for the purposes specified in the local health department's Bioterrorism Preparedness Plan as approved by the California Department of Health Services.

I further certify that funds received shall be deposited in an interest-bearing Local Public Health Preparedness Trust Fund and expended only for the purposes stated in the local health department's Bioterrorism Preparedness Plan and Budget, as approved by the California Department of Health Services.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors or the Mayor of a City

Signature:
Printed Name: Supervisor Joseph Centeno
Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors
Phone: (805) 346-8401
Date: May 11, 2004

Please return the original certification with the Application to:

California Department Health Services
Emergency Preparedness Office
Attn: LHD Allocation Award Program
601 No. 7th Street, M.S. 7002
P.O. Box 942732
Sacramento, CA 94234-7320