



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health Dept.
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 3/20/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director
Contact Info: Michele Mickiewicz, MPH, Deputy Director 681-5446
SUBJECT: Laboratory Services Contract Template

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Public Health Director to execute agreements with local medical agencies for Public Health Laboratory services using the contract template approved as to form by County Counsel and Risk Management.

Summary Text:

The Public Health Department (PHD) provides laboratory services for medical agencies in Santa Barbara County through its Public Health Laboratory. Recently the Public Health Laboratory qualified to offer QuantiFERON® (tuberculosis) testing and is one of three laboratories in the State of California able to perform this test.

Background:

The Public Health Laboratory has provided tuberculosis testing to local medical agencies for several years. These services have been provided under Memorandums of Understanding executed in 2000 with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and in 2005 with Marian Medical Center and Sansum Clinic. The contracts were limited to the provision of specific tests for tuberculosis.

In April 2006, your Board adopted a Resolution to establish a fee for QuantiFERON®-TB Gold testing. It is anticipated that the medical agencies which contract with the Public Health Laboratory for tuberculosis testing will request this new test for tuberculosis which is not specifically covered in the current contracts.

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Recently, the PHD requested a review of the three existing laboratory services agreements by County Counsel and Risk Management. This review generated a new contract template which expands the provision of services to include “other laboratory tests regularly performed by Public Health Laboratory”. The revised template also provides further clarity and expanded protection for the County. By contracting with local medical agencies using the new template, the Public Health Laboratory will have increased flexibility in the provision of services. This range of services will allow the Public Health Laboratory to respond more efficiently to community needs, particularly in the event of a disaster. Finally, implementing the use of this new template will allow for consistency when contracting with different medical agencies.

The PHD anticipates entering into contracts using the new template with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Marian Medical Center, and Sansum clinic currently under contract to receive laboratory services. In addition, the PHD will contract to provide laboratory services to the Lompoc Healthcare District. In the future, the Public Health Laboratory may be approached by other medical agencies to provide services and the PHD could enter into a contractual relationship with that agency using the approved template.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Authorizing the Public Health Director to use the new contract template for Laboratory services has no monetary impact. Each agreement executed will collect the appropriate approved fee for service. The template language speaks to future fee changes and the mechanism to make the change.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **Attn: Margaret Granger (805) 681 5367.**

Attachments:

Template Agreement for Laboratory Services

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