



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO & Public Health
Department No.: 012/041
For Agenda Of: 3/6/07
Placement: Admin
Estimated Tme: 1 hr. on 3/13/07
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: County of Santa Barbara Pandemic Influenza Strategy Plan

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Set hearing on March 13, 2007, to receive a report on the Pandemic Influenza Strategy Planning efforts and Plan Overview.
- b) During the March 13, 2007 hearing, authorize staff to continuously update the Pandemic Strategy Influenza Plan as appropriate.

Summary Text:

Under the direction and leadership of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, staff has developed a Pandemic Influenza Strategy Plan to help ensure a coordinated, countywide response in the event of a flu pandemic. The Pandemic Influenza Strategy Plan represents a comprehensive multi-departmental effort under the direction of the County Executive Officer and led by the County's Public Health Department and the Office of Emergency Services. The entire body of work referenced here is the culmination of more than 9,250 hours of work by more than 75 staff representing all 21 County departments in partnership with outside agencies and other non-profit groups during the past nine months.

The presentation to the Board will include a brief PowerPoint presentation illustrating the work of the various pandemic planning teams; a three-minute video highlighting the public education materials developed; a short discussion on the Pandemic Influenza Strategy Plan Overview document; and, a presentation of "Disaster Backpacks" containing basic emergency supplies and a checklist for enhancing

individual preparedness. Attached to this Board letter is the Santa Barbara County Pandemic Influenza Strategy Plan “Executive Summary” and “Plan Overview” and PowerPoint presentation.

Background:

From inception, it has been the overriding goal of the Project Team to develop a comprehensive blueprint that provides for both the continuity of County government and the protection of the County’s citizens during a large-scale flu pandemic. As such, it is important to note that the Plan is a dynamic, living document that will be updated as appropriate by County staff to incorporate new information, guidelines and strategies in order to maintain the best and most current responses available to a pandemic flu. The County’s Plan develops a coordinated countywide strategy through shared responsibility and its main purpose is to provide guidance and tools for pandemic preparedness and response for the protection of the general public.

The Pandemic Strategy Influenza Plan will be an annex to the Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Plan and will continue to be updated as new information is provided from federal and state agencies on best practices in responding to a flu pandemic.

The Pandemic Flu Strategy Plan is organized in the format of 14 Critical Capacity Modules (CCM):

- Legal Authority
- Surveillance
- Limiting the Spread of Disease
- Risk Communication & Public Education
- Healthcare Systems
- Clinical Guidelines & Disease Management
- Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Issues
- Security & Law Enforcement
- Command Structure
- Decedent & Coroner Issues
- Volunteers & Medical Reserve Corps
- Communications
- Resources, People, Places & Equipment
- Preparing Essential Services for Continuity of Operations

Each module encompasses a set of actions that are critical for effective preparedness and response in the event of a pandemic influenza. The Plan provides operational details, and, as appropriate, the actions are organized by pandemic period, (alert or actual pandemic) to emphasize what actions need to occur in each period. Required equipment (such as proper personal protective equipment) is also identified.

County government has a significant leadership role in pandemic influenza response. Development of the Plan through the coordinated efforts of County employees, partner agencies and community partners establishes a solid foundation for improved planning and intervention by all participants, not only for response to a pandemic but for all major disasters. Implementation of the Plan will enable County departments to fulfill important pre-identified roles and responsibilities for a coordinated strategy aimed at protecting the public’s health and minimizing the impact of a pandemic influenza throughout Santa Barbara County.

Performance Measure:

One Pandemic Influenza Exercise will be conducted within one year to “drill test” the Plan, prior to which, training on the various Plan modules will be conducted.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| General Fund | | | \$ 78,000.00 |
| State | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: PHD grant | | | \$ 27,000.00 |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 105,000.00 |

Narrative:

At its August 8, 2006 hearing, the Board of Supervisors adopted a budget revision allocating \$78,000 from the General Fund Contingency to fund pandemic strategy public information efforts (\$38,000) and Plan development (\$40,000). The Public Health Department also contributed \$27,000 in grant funding towards the cost of the public information and education campaign. Each county department contributed considerable staff time and resources to the Plan.

There are no facilities impacts.

Staffing Impacts:

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| <u>Legal Positions:</u> | <u>FTEs:</u> |
| 0 | 0 |

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Attachments:

- 1) Santa Barbara County Pandemic Influenza Strategy Plan “Executive Summary” and “Plan Overview”
- 2) PowerPoint Presentation

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