



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 06-19-07
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(s) *
Contact Info: Nancy Lapolla, MPH
Emergency Medical Services Agency Director (681-5264)

SUBJECT: * Agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for Medical Reserve Corps

County Counsel Concurrence *

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence *

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: **

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Actions: *

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Public Health Director to execute an agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for a one time capacity building grant to support the Santa Barbara County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in the amount of \$10,000.

Summary Text: *

The Santa Barbara County Medical Reserve Corps was established as part of the county's Pandemic Flu planning effort which began in 2006. It was one of the original 21 project teams created to prepare our county in the event of a disaster. This grant will pay for some costs necessary for the development of the corps. The MRC currently has a medical director, steering committee, policies and procedures for operations and web site for membership. There are currently 20 professional volunteers with the MRC and it is anticipated to grow to as many as 100-150 volunteers in the next 12 months.

The term "capacity building" is used by NACCHO to describe the initial startup costs to establish and build a MRC. The effective time period for this grant is February 2007 through February 2008 however to be accepted, this agreement must be signed prior to July 31, 2007.

The Santa Barbara County MRC has start up costs for recruitment, ID photo cards, background checks, uniforms, communications, brochures, etc. This one-time, capacity building grant from NACCHO will help fund these important functions.

Background: *

The Medical Reserve Corps consists of licensed medical professionals who are willing to volunteer and serve as emergency medical workers in a disaster or emergency. Medical Reserve Corps volunteers may be doctors or nurses, veterinarians, dentists, social workers, pharmacists, chaplains, paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians.

The Medical Reserve Corps volunteers would be called upon when regular emergency medical response systems are overwhelmed, such as during natural disasters or other major emergencies. With the creation of a local Medical Reserve Corps, Santa Barbara County residents will be able to count on a group of volunteers to supplement emergency medical workers in the event of a public health emergency or disaster.

The Medical Reserve Corps program was created after President Bush’s 2002 State of the Union Address in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. Currently there are 37 Medical Reserve Corps registered in California and 657 nationwide. The Santa Barbara County Medical Reserve Corps was approved and registered with the Office of the Surgeon General in August 2006.

Performance Measure: *

A Public Health Department prepared to efficiently and effectively respond to public health emergencies and disasters.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: *

Budgeted: Yes *

Fiscal Analysis: *

This agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials will provide \$10,000 to help offset the Santa Barbara County Medical Reserve Corps start up costs. The costs for the Medical Reserve Corps are included in the EMS cost center of the Community Health Division of the Public Health Department FY 06-07 adopted budget shown on page D-188 of the County’s Operating Plan document.

There are no increases in facility or County’s General Fund Resources as a result of executing this agreement.

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 A. Granger (805) 681 5367.**

Attachments: National Association of County and City Health Officials Agreement

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