



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: February 05, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD
Director(s): Public Health Department
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Assistant Deputy Director
SUBJECT: Public Health Department and American Indian Health and Services
Memorandum of Understanding – First Amendment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors considers recommendations as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Public Health Department (PHD) and American Indian Health and Services which facilitates patient referrals between the agencies to add administrative clauses that will not change the scope of work, term, or amount;
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of the PHD, or designee, to make immaterial changes in accordance with Section Six: General Provisions, subsection L of the MOU; and,
- c) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions consist of the organization and administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute this First Amendment to the MOU with American Indian Health and Services (AIH&S). This First Amendment amends the MOU to reflect recent updates to Health Center program requirements released by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in August 2018. This MOU constitutes an in-kind exchange of administration services by each organization. Any patient billing or third party billing is specified within the MOU as the responsibility of the respective organization.

Background:

PHD and AIH&S have worked collaboratively for a number of years to provide medical services to the uninsured and underinsured residents of Santa Barbara County. Both organizations are Federally Qualified Health Centers. AIH&S provides both primary care medical and dental services, and PHD provides both primary care medical and specialty services. Both organizations have provided referrals to the other organization to provide access to both dental services and specialty services.

In accordance with HRSA regulations, the First Amendment clarifies that the PHD and AIH&S are responsible to Credential and Privilege their own providers before accepting referrals. This is a clarification of an existing process and not a change in current process or terms of the MOU. Also, the Director of the PHD is requesting the authority to approve immaterial changes (changes that do not alter the term, funding amount, or scope of work) to the MOU.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the American Indian Health and Services MOU.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original First Amendment between PHD and American Indian Health and Services and retain one (1) original First Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org, when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. Public Health Department and American Indian Health and Services MOU, First Amendment.
- B. Public Health Department and American Indian Health and Services MOU

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