



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: September 21, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: California Public Health Corps Training and Pathways Program Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director, or designee, to execute an Agreement with California Department of Public Health for the California Public Health Corps Training and Pathways Program Project to authorize a trainee to train with the County in communicable disease prevention and control, community engagement, and emergency response activities during the period of September 21, 2021 through July 31, 2023; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda for your Board to approve execution of an Agreement with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the California Public Health Corps (CA-PHC) Training and Pathways Program for the assignment of CA-PHC trainee personnel to the Public Health Department (PHD).

Background:

The California Public Health Corps (CA-PHC), Training and Pathways program is a collaboration between the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), and University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). CA-PHC aims to develop a public health

workforce to conduct communicable disease prevention and control, community engagement, and emergency response activities at the individual and community level. CA-PHC creates a workforce pathway for early career public health professionals from diverse backgrounds and disproportionately affected communities to ensure a well-trained public health workforce across California that can effectively and efficiently respond to public health issues to ensure the health and safety of the population. Development and implementation of CA-PHC will create opportunities to engage community members, deliver culturally competent services, and enhance public health practice.

Performance Measure:

No identifying, quantifiable performance measures exist in the agreement. As the host site, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department agrees to providing the trainee with the training and support necessary to complete their work and to take steps necessary to ensure that trainee’s physical safety is prioritized at all times, particularly if and when the trainee is engaging in field work. The preceptors will also be responsible for completing all evaluations provided by CDPH regarding the CA-PHC program overall and the trainee’s ability to meet host site-stated goals, objectives, and milestones. The preceptors are also expected to regularly attend regularly CA-PHC preceptor and group events. This agreement is drawn to provide a foundational understanding between the host site and CDPH, that any CA-PHC trainees will assist and provide support to their assigned host agency in carrying out public health activities in the realm of communicable disease prevention and control, community engagement and emergency preparedness and response.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

There are minimal costs associated with the assignment of CA-PHC trainee personnel to the PHD. These costs consist of the assignment of a computer and, possibly, a telephone.

Key Contract Risks:

Key Contract Risks include potential for liability if a data breach occurs and possible disruption to operations if trainee leaves placement early or is activated as a CDPH responder. The risk of a data breach is mitigated by a long-standing relationship and history of contracting with CDPH and mandatory privacy and security courses the trainee will participate in. The potential disruption to operation due to any trainee’s leaving of the post will be mitigated by maintenance of transparent communication between preceptors, CDPH, and trainee. Operational disruption due to activation as a CDPH responders is unlikely, but would be prefaced with notification from the agency and any associated costs with the reassignment (supervision, training, travel, etc.) would be solely the responsibility of CDPH.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

- A. California Public Health Corps Training and Pathways Program Project Agreement with CDPH

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