



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: July 13, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Ratification of CDPH COVID-19 Outreach Rapid Deployment Data Use Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations as follows:

- a) Approve and ratify a COVID-19 Outreach Rapid Deployment Data Use Agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) which the County's Director of Emergency Services previously executed on June 8, 2021 pursuant to County Code § 12-5(b) ["Emergency Management"] to gain access to COVID-19 data for use by the Public Health Department and Epidemiology Unit; and
- b) Authorize the County Public Health Director, or their designee, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Supervisors, to continue using this COVID-19 Outreach Rapid Deployment Data Use Agreement as part of the County Public Health Department's efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at no cost to the County; and
- c) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director, or designee, to approve additional "no cost" data use agreements with the California Department of Public Health for the years 2021 through 2026 for long-term COVID-19 response upon review and approval by the County Counsel's Office, Risk Management, and the Auditor-Controller's Office; and
- d) Determine that the above activities are not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), since the recommended

actions are organizational or administrative activities of government 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 and ratify the COVID-19 Outreach Rapid Deployment (CORD) Data Use Agreement for the use by the Public Health Department (PHD), including the Epidemiology Unit to evaluate local COVID health issues through analysis of databases from CDPH’s California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) and California Immunization Registry (CAIR) (Attachment A). This item will also allow the Public Health Director to enter additional data use agreements with CDPH for long-term COVID-19 response, so long as the agreements are at no cost to the County and are approved by County Counsel’s Office, Risk Management, and the Auditor-Controller’s Office.

Background:

By entering into this agreement, PHD’s Epidemiology Unit will be able to analyze COVID-19 data in Santa Barbara County. The Epidemiology Unit will compare trends in Santa Barbara County to the State of California. This will allow for better understanding of COVID-19 health issues.

This Agreement was executed pursuant to the Director of Emergency Services’ authority under County Code Chapter 12 and is presented here now for the Board’s approval and ratification.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts associated with this action as it is purely administrative in nature.

Key Contract Risks:

Information Technology (IT) has ensured data will be stored securely. There are multiple policies, procedures, and training in place to minimize the risk of a breach. However, should a breach of patient information occur, the County is responsible under HIPAA to provide appropriate remedies.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please email Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. CDPH COVID-19 CORD Data Use Agreement

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