



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 Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
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SUBJECT: Quest Diagnostics Professional Services Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor Quest Diagnostics to provide clinical laboratory services for the Public Health Department for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$350,000; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director, or designee, to add or remove facilities in accordance with Agreement Exhibit A sections 2.9 and 2.9.1 and to approve changes to the Patient Sliding Fee Scale under Agreement Exhibit B Section 1.3, and to make all required certifications; and
- c) Determine that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions consist of the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to ratify and execute an Agreement with Quest Diagnostics to provide clinical laboratory services for the Public Health Department (PHD) in accordance with the department's policies and procedures. This agreement was competed for

QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus (Quantiferon) testing in 2019, and PHD is open to negotiate and work with any vendor that is able to provide qualified laboratory services that meet the department’s needs. When combined with existing contracts for similar services, this contract for \$350,000 exceeds the \$200,000 Purchasing threshold and therefore requires Board approval.

Background: Quest Diagnostics has been providing Quantiferon testing for PHD and is an integral part of tuberculosis (TB) control in Santa Barbara County. The use of Quantiferon testing has significantly enhanced public health TB prevention efforts by allowing for early identification and treatment of active and latent TB cases. The Quantiferon test, as opposed to the traditional Tuberculin Skin Test, is the preferred method of screening for tuberculosis infection due to its reliability, accuracy, and faster turn-around time. PHD conducted a Bid for services in July 2019 (Bid #305038) that was awarded to Quest Diagnostics.

Quest Diagnostics has provided diagnostic laboratory services laboratory services for PHD’s Health Care Center patients for over 20 years. Quest Diagnostics offers a wide range of diagnostic tests and expertise covering the of medical conditions and specialty areas served by the Health Care Centers.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

This is a new agreement for continued laboratory services with Quest Diagnostics. They have provided excellent lab services for PHD for many years.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY 2021-22 Cost:</u>	<u>Additional Projected FY 2021-22 Cost:</u>	<u>Total Agreement Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
Patient Service Fees	\$ 300,000.00		\$ 300,000.00
Total	\$ 350,000.00	\$ -	\$ 350,000.00

The funding for this agreement is part of the Public Health Department’s Fiscal Year 2021-22 adopted budget. The funding is derived from a combination of federal funds for tuberculosis Quantiferon testing and generated patient service fees for other clinical laboratory testing.

Key Contract Risks

PHD has a long-standing relationship with Quest Diagnostics. Quest Diagnostics maintains an on-going Quality Assurance program that’s acceptable to the County to ensure the reliability and accuracy of test results. Additionally, the Agreement has a termination for convenience clause.

Staffing Impacts

There are no staffing impacts.

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with Quest Diagnostics and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

A. Quest Diagnostics Professional Services Agreement

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