



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Agenda Number:**

**Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** County Health Department  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** May 12, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health  
Contact: Josephine Preciado, Medical Director  
**SUBJECT: Clinical Student Support Agreement Template**

Signed by:  
*Mouhanad Hammami*  
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**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:

- a) Approve and authorize the County Health Director to execute clinical student support agreements with educational institutions for student preceptorships at the County Health Department based on the attached Clinical Student Support Agreement template (Attachment A) so long as there is no change to the standard terms and conditions, upon review and concurrence by County Counsel and Risk Management, for a period of five (5) years;
- b) Approve and authorize the County Health Director to execute amendments to extend the term of these Clinical Student Support Agreements for one additional 12-month period, in accordance with Section 9 and Section 12 of the Agreement, upon review and concurrence by County Counsel and Risk Management, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time;
- c) Approve and authorize the County Health Director to make immaterial amendments to Clinical Student Support Agreements in accordance with Section 22 of the Agreement, upon review and concurrence by County Counsel and Risk Management, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and

- d) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and are exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the recommended actions are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to request approval for the County Health Department to enter into agreements with accredited educational institutions to host medical and healthcare professional students for hands-on educational and training opportunities in County clinics and programs. Approval will authorize the County Health Director to execute Clinical Student Support Agreements for a five-year period, with the option to extend these agreements for an additional year as needed.

Through these agreements, students will gain practical experience working alongside County Health professionals while supporting care for underserved and diverse populations throughout Santa Barbara County. These placements strengthen the local public health workforce and support ongoing service delivery in County-operated health centers and clinics.

Without approval, County Health will be unable to continue hosting student interns, limiting workforce development opportunities and reducing support for clinical and public health services.

**Discussion:**

County Health operates five Federally Qualified Health Centers and three shelter-based clinics throughout Santa Barbara County. These sites participate in preceptorship programs with accredited educational institutions, supporting students in disciplines such as medical assisting, nursing, physician assistant studies, and behavioral health fields. Preceptorship placements are voluntary and subject to approval based on preceptor availability. A fully executed Student Support Agreement is required prior to the start of any student placement.

**Background:**

The previous Student Support Agreement, approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 14, 2020, expired on December 31, 2025. County Health is requesting approval of an updated agreement to continue accepting and hosting students. These placements provide hands-on training opportunities while supporting services to underserved and diverse populations and contribute to the development of a sustainable public health workforce.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with approval of these agreements. Students participate on a voluntary basis for educational and training purposes and are not compensated by the County.

**Staffing Impacts:**

Existing staff will provide supervision and mentorship as part of normal operations. No additional staffing is required.

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**Special Instructions:**

Please email the Minute Order to the County Health Contracts Unit at [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org)

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** –Clinical Student Support Agreement Template

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