



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/3/2022

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File #: 22-468

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Administration

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Ratification of Agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Regarding the County of Humboldt's Response to COVID-19

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and ratify the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Deputy Director's execution of the attached COVIDNet Participation Agreement with the California Department of Public Health regarding cooperative participation in CDPH's efforts to conduct genome sequencing of COVID-19 specimens to better inform outbreak investigations and public health surveillance for the period of Oct. 26, 2021, through Oct. 25, 2024; and
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments and any other documents directly related to the attached agreement with the California Department of Public Health, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management, and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one certified copy of the Board order pertaining to this item to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Public Health Fund (1175)

**DISCUSSION:**

On March 11, 2020, the Humboldt County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thereafter, on March 26, 2020 (Item D-1), the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 20-25 which authorized department heads, or designees thereof, to execute agreements related to a declared emergency with the requirement that such agreements be subsequently ratified by the Board of Supervisors. Pursuant to Resolution No. 20-25, the Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health (DHHS - Public Health) executed the attached agreement with the California Department of Public Health which is intended to further strengthen the county's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in

collaboration with the State.

Accordingly, DHHS - Public Health recommends that the Board approve and ratify the execution of the following agreement with the California Department of Public Health:

1. COVIDNet Participation Agreement with the California Department of Public Health
  - a. Purpose: Sets forth the understandings and obligations of the Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory regarding its participation in COVIDNet as a Diagnostic Testing Lab and as a Sequencing Lab.
  - b. Term: Oct. 26, 2021, through Oct. 25, 2024  
Total allocation: \$0.00

Staff also recommends that the Board authorize the DHHS - Public Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments, and any other documents directly related, to the attached agreement with the California Department of Public Health, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no direct costs associated with the attached agreement with the California Department of Public Health. As a result, approval of the attached agreement with the California Department of Public Health will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health and protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached agreements with the California Department of Public Health. However, this alternative is not recommended since it will limit the ability to collaborate with the California Department of Public Health in efforts to better understand the COVID-19 virus.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. COVIDNet Participation Agreement with the California Department of Public Health.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: D-1, C-14, D-7, D-8  
Meeting of: 03/26/20, 5/11/2021, 10/26/2021  
File No.: 20-419, 21-513, 21-1511, 22-468