



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/24/2022

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File #: 22-624

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Public Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Health Officer Agreement for Fiscal Year 2022-23

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Health Officer agreement with Candy Stockton-Joreteg for the period of July 18, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Public Health Funds

**DISCUSSION:**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101000 and Government Code section 24000, subdivision (s), counties are required to maintain a Health Officer. The Health Officer is required to enforce and observe 1) Board orders and ordinances pertaining to public health matters, quarantines and regulations; 2) orders, including quarantine and other regulations prescribed by the California Department of Public Health; and 3) statutes relating to public health. The Health Officer is further required to implement measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis and COVID-19.

On April 15, 2022 in Closed Session (Item C-4), your Board selected Dr. Candy Stockton-Joreteg, to be designated and employed by the County as the new Humboldt County Health Officer.

This agreement before your Board today authorizes DHHS to maintain Dr. Stockton-Joreteg's services as Humboldt County's Health Officer through June 30, 2023.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Health Officer position is included in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 400 - Administration. The full-time equivalent (FTE) of the position, per this agreement, is 0.75 FTE, and the salary, as specified in Exhibit A of the attached agreement, is \$104.62 per hour. The agreement provides that the Health Officer's

salary shall be adjusted by the same amount granted to management employees. The annual salary amount has accounted for scheduled pay increases for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. This agreement before your Board today authorizes DHHS to maintain Dr. Stockton-Joreteg's services as Humboldt County's Health Officer effective July 18, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The annual cost of the Health Officer position, including benefits, will be approximately \$246,306 at 0.75 FTE. Additional costs for this agreement include membership costs estimated to be \$375 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. The annual salary and associated costs for the agreement before your Board today was included in the FY 2022-23 proposed County budget.

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service and protecting vulnerable populations.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Your Board may choose to not approve the agreement. However, this is not recommended, as the County is required to maintain a Health Officer pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101000 and Government Code section 24000, subdivision (s).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Health Officer Agreement for Services between County of Humboldt and Dr. Candy Stockton-Joreteg

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: C-4  
Meeting of: 4/15/2022  
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