



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-16

For the meeting of: July 19, 2016

Date: June 21, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Connie Beck, Director *[Signature]*
Department of Health and Human Services
Subject: Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) Data Use and Disclosure Agreement with California Department of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) Data Use and Disclosure Agreement with California Department of Public Health (CDPH), for a term of three (3) years from the date of final execution by both parties (Attachment 1);
2. Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Director of Public Health or designee to sign the VRBIS Data Use and Disclosure Agreement with CDPH;
3. Authorizes the DHHS - Director of Public Health to sign all future amendments to this VRBIS Data Use and Disclosure Agreement; and
4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed copy of the Board report to the DHHS-Contract Unit.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Fund

Prepared by Lara Zintsmaster, AA I

CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW:

Auditor *[Signature]*

County Counsel _____

Human Resources *[Signature]*

Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Fennell* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*

Ayes *Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass*

- Nays _____
- Abstain _____
- Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *July 19, 2016*

By: *[Signature]*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

CDPH and its Director, designated in statute as the State Registrar, pursuant to Division 102 of the Health and Safety Code (H&SC), is charged with the duties of registering, maintaining, indexing, and issuing certified copies of all California birth, death, and fetal death, and marriage records. As part of the duties regarding death records, the State Registrar operates the California Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS). EDRS is a secure, web-based interface for death and fetal death registration, which is used by DHHS-Public Health to certify, register, and report all deaths occurring within the county to the State Registrar.

DHHS - Public Health currently obtains timely death certificate data from the data export function within the current version of EDRS. This function will be eliminated from EDRS when version 4.0 is released (estimated date July 2017). In anticipation of this change, CDPH has begun utilizing the VRBIS to provide local health departments with access to vital records data in a timely fashion. The database is refreshed every 30 minutes and records are available in VRBIS as soon as a certificate has been state-registered. VRBIS is currently being used in 35 other California counties and will replace the current EDRS data export function currently used by DHHS – Public Health.

CDPH requires all potential VRBIS users to sign a data use and disclosure agreement to obtain username and password access to VRBIS. The user agreement is a document that explains information regarding privacy and security requirements that Local Registration Districts (LRDs) must follow when accessing VRBIS data and other personal and confidential vital records information. Without access to VRBIS, DHHS-Public Health will have to rely on CDPH-issued death certificate files, which are issued annually; making new data available only in October of the following year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no cost associated with the VRBIS Data Use and Disclosure Agreement with CDPH, and there will be no impact to the county's General Fund.

The agreement with CDPH supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

n/a

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose not to authorize the Public Health Director to sign the VRBIS Data Use and Disclosure Agreement with CDPH. However, this is not recommended, as Public Health would not be able to access birth and death certificates in a timelier manner, which would impact the ability to provide community-appropriate levels of service.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) Data Use and Disclosure Agreement with the California Department of Public Health (1 copy)

**VITAL RECORDS BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM (VRBIS)
DATA USE AND DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

This Data Use And Disclosure Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") sets forth the information privacy and security requirements that the _____ Local Health Department (hereinafter "Data Recipient") is obligated to follow with respect to all Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) data, and other personal and confidential information, (as each of these types of data and information are defined herein), disclosed to Data Recipient by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). (Such VRBIS data and other personal and confidential information are also referred to herein collectively as "Protected Data.") This Agreement covers Protected Data in any medium (paper, electronic, oral) the Protected Data exist in.

By entering into this Agreement, CDPH and Data Recipient desire to protect the privacy and provide for the security of all Protected Data in compliance with all state and federal laws applicable to the Protected Data. Permission to receive, use and disclose Protected Data requires execution of this Agreement that describes the terms, conditions and limitations of Data Recipient's collection, use, and disclosure of the Protected Data.

- I. **Supersession:** This Agreement supersedes any prior VRBIS Participation Agreement entered into between CDPH and Data Recipient.
- II. **Definitions:** For purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:
 - A. **Breach:** "Breach" means:
 1. The acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of Protected Data, in any medium (paper, electronic, oral), in violation of any state or federal law or in a manner not permitted under this Agreement, that compromises the privacy, security, or integrity of the information. For purposes of this definition, "compromises the privacy, security or integrity of the information" means to pose a significant risk of financial, reputational, or other harm to an individual or individuals; or
 2. The same as the definition of "breach of the security of the system" set forth in California Civil Code Section 1798.29(f).
 - B. **Confidential Information:** "Confidential Information" means information that:
 1. Does not meet the definition of "public records" set forth in California Government Code Section 6252, subdivision (e), or is exempt from disclosure under any of the provisions of Section 6250, et seq. of the California Government Code or any other applicable state or federal laws; or
 2. Meets the definition of "confidential public health record" set forth in California Health and Safety Code Section 121035, subdivision (c); or
 3. Is contained in documents, files, folders, books, or records that are clearly labeled, marked, or designated with the word "confidential" by CDPH.
 - C. **Disclosure:** "Disclosure" means the release, transfer, provision of, access to, or divulging in any other manner of information.
 - D. **Vital Records Business Intelligence System (VRBIS) Data:** "VRBIS data" means all California birth, death, and fetal death vital records data in and from the VRBIS database supported and maintained by CDPH. VRBIS data specifically includes information contained in or extracted from the following:

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1. Statewide and County-Specific California birth and death data indices and files compiled by the State Registrar pursuant to California Health and Safety Code (H&SC) sections 102230 and 102231.
2. Birth Certificate and automated birth registration social and medical data collected pursuant to H&SC sections 102425, 102425.1, and 102426.
3. Death and Fetal Death Certificate social and medical data collected pursuant to H&SC sections 102875 and 103025.

E. Personal Information: "Personal Information" means information that:

1. By itself, directly identifies, or uniquely describes an individual; or
2. Creates a substantial risk that it could be used in combination with other information to indirectly identify or uniquely describe an individual, or link an individual to the other information; or
3. Meets the definition of "personal information" set forth in California Civil Code section 1798.3, subdivision (a); or
4. Is one of the data elements set forth in California Civil Code section 1798.29, subdivisions (g)(1), or (2); or
5. Meets the definition of "medical information" set forth in either California Civil Code section 1798.29, subdivision (h)(2) or California Civil Code section 56.05, subdivision (j); or
6. Meets the definition of "health insurance information" set forth in California Civil Code section 1798.29, subdivision (h)(3).

F. Protected Data: "Protected Data" means data that consists of one or more of the following types of information:

1. "VRBIS Data", as defined above; or
2. "Confidential Information", as defined above; or
3. "Personal Information", as defined above.

G. Security Incident: "Security Incident" means:

1. An attempted breach; or
2. The attempted or successful modification or destruction of Protected Data, in violation of any state or federal law or in a manner not permitted under this Agreement; or
3. The attempted or successful modification or destruction of, or interference with, Data Recipient's system operations in an information technology system, that negatively impacts the confidentiality, availability or integrity of Protected Data, or hinders or makes impossible Data Recipient's receipt, collection, creation, storage, transmission or use of Protected Data by Data Recipient pursuant to this Agreement.

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H. Use: "Use" means the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis of information.

III. Background and Purpose:

The CDPH and its Director, designated in statute as the State Registrar, pursuant to Division 102 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&SC), is charged with the duties of registering, maintaining, indexing and issuing certified copies of, all California Birth, Death, and Fetal Death records. As part of these activities, the State Registrar operates the VRBIS database. VRBIS is a secure, web based electronic solution for the State Registrar to store California's vital records data and to permit Local Health Departments to access such data for purposes of official government business including epidemiologic analysis, surveillance, and program evaluation, as directed by the Local Health Officer, following all applicable laws and regulations concerning vital record data.

IV. Legal Authority for Use and Disclosure of Protected Data: The legal authority for CDPH to collect, use, and disclose Protected Data, and for Data Recipient to receive and use Protected Data is as follows:

A. General Legal Authority:

1. California Information Practices Act:

- a. California Civil Code section 1798.24(e), provides in part as follows: "No agency may disclose any personal information in a manner that would link the information disclosed to the individual to whom it pertains unless the information is disclosed, as follows: To a person, or to another agency where the transfer is necessary for the transferee agency to perform its constitutional or statutory duties, and the use is compatible with a purpose for which the information was collected..."

B. Specific Legal Authority: Vital Records Collection, Use, and Dissemination

1. Division 102 of the H&SC designates that the Director of CDPH is the State Registrar and such duties include the registration, preservation, and dissemination of all of California's birth, death and marriage records.
2. H&SC section 102230 designates that the State Registrar "shall arrange and permanently preserve the [vital records] certificates in a systematic manner and shall prepare and maintain comprehensive and continuous indices of all certificates registered. Further, H&SC section 102230 designates that the State Registrar, at his or her discretion, may release comprehensive birth and death indices to a government agency. A government agency that obtains indices shall not sell or release the index or a portion of its contents to another person except as necessary for official government business and shall not post the indices or any portion thereof on the Internet.
3. Pursuant to H&SC section 102430(a), the second section of the certificate of live birth as specified in subdivision (b) of H&SC section 102425, the electronic file of birth information collected pursuant to subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of H&SC section 102426, and the second section of the certificate of fetal death as specified in H&SC section 103025, are confidential; however, access to this information is authorized for the following: local registrar's staff and local health department staff (when approved by the local registrar or local health officer, respectively) and the county coroner.

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4. Pursuant to H&SC section 103526(c)(2)(C), authorized copies of birth and death certificates may be obtained by a representative of another governmental agency, as provided by law, who is conducting official business.

C. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authority:

1. CDPH HIPAA Status: CDPH is a “hybrid entity” for purposes of applicability of the federal regulations entitled, “Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information,” (“Privacy Rule”) (Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 160, 162, and 164) promulgated pursuant to HIPAA (Title 42, United States Code, Sections 1320d - 1320d-8). None of the CDPH programs that collect, use, or disclose Protected Data pursuant to this Agreement have been designated by CDPH as HIPAA-covered “health care components” of CDPH. (Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 164.504(c)(3)(iii).)
2. Parties Are “Public Health Authorities: CDPH and Data Recipient are each a “public health authority” as that term is defined in the Privacy Rule. (Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 164.501 and 164.512(b)(1)(i).)
3. Protected Data Use and Disclosure Permitted by HIPAA: To the extent a disclosure or use of Protected Data is a disclosure or use of “Protected Health Information” (PHI) of an individual, as that term is defined in Section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, the following Privacy Rule provisions apply to permit such Protected Data disclosure and/or use by CDPH and Data Recipient, without the consent or authorization of the individual who is the subject of the PHI:
 - a. The HIPAA Privacy Rule creates a special rule for a subset of public health disclosures whereby HIPAA cannot preempt state law if, “[t]he provision of state law, including state procedures established under such law, as applicable, provides for the reporting of disease or injury, child abuse, birth, or death, or for the conduct of public health surveillance, investigation, or intervention.” (Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 160.203(c).) [NOTE: See Sections IV.A and IV.B, above.];
 - b. A covered entity may disclose PHI to a “public health authority” carrying out public health activities authorized by law; (Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 164.512(b).); and
 - c. Other, non-public health-specific provisions of HIPAA may also provide the legal basis for all or specific Protected Data uses and disclosures.

- V. Disclosure Restrictions: The Data Recipient, and its employees or agents, shall protect from unauthorized disclosure any Protected Data. The Data Recipient shall not disclose, except as specifically permitted by this Agreement, any Protected Data to anyone other than CDPH, except if disclosure is allowed or required by state or federal law.

- VI. Use and VRBIS Access Restrictions: The Data Recipient, and its employees or agents, shall not use any Protected Data for any purpose other than carrying out the Data Recipient's obligations under the statute set forth in Section IV, above, or as otherwise allowed or required by state or federal law.

CDPH will provide a unique username and password for each individual accessing the VRBIS secured database, on behalf of Data Recipient. Data Recipient shall be responsible for identifying one primary individual to be granted access. Data Recipient may request that a second individual be granted access to act as backup for the primary individual, or if workload constraints warrant a second individual's access. Data Recipient may submit a request to CDPH for a third VRBIS access username and password, with documentation justifying the need. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case

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basis, and will take into consideration Data Recipient's business case for need as well as the limitations and burden of an additional user in VRBIS. If there are personnel changes to the Data Recipient's user account designees, Data Recipient shall immediately notify the CDPH VRBIS contact identified in Section XII(E), below, upon which time that user account shall be cancelled.

- VII. Safeguards: Data Recipient shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the privacy, confidentiality, security, integrity, and availability of Protected Data, including electronic or computerized Protected Data. The Data Recipient shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of the Data Recipient's operations and the nature and scope of its activities in performing its legal obligations and duties (including performance of its duties and obligations under this Agreement), and which incorporates the requirements of Section VIII, Security, below. Data Recipient shall provide CDPH with Data Recipient's current and updated policies.
- VIII. Security: The Data Recipient shall take all steps necessary to ensure the continuous security of all computerized data systems containing Protected Data. These steps shall include, at a minimum:
- A. Complying with all of the data system security precautions listed in the Data Recipient Data Security Standards set forth in Attachment A to this Agreement;
 - B. Providing a level and scope of security that is at least comparable to the level and scope of security established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in OMB Circular No. A-130, Appendix III - Security of Federal Automated Information Systems, which sets forth guidelines for automated information systems in Federal agencies; and
- In case of a conflict between any of the security standards contained in any of the aforementioned sources of security standards, the most stringent shall apply. The most stringent means that safeguard which provides the highest level of protection to Protected Data from breaches and security incidents.
- IX. Security Officer: The Data Recipient shall designate a Security Officer to oversee its compliance with this Agreement and for communicating with CDPH on matters concerning this Agreement.
- X. Training: The Data Recipient shall provide training on its obligations under this Agreement, at its own expense, to all of its employees who assist in the performance of Data Recipient's obligations under this Agreement, or otherwise use or disclose Protected Data.
- A. The Data Recipient shall require each employee who receives training to sign a certification, indicating the employee's name and the date on which the training was completed.
 - B. The Data Recipient shall retain each employee's written certifications for CDPH inspection for a period of three years following contract termination.
- XI. Employee Discipline: Data Recipient shall discipline such employees and other Data Recipient workforce members who intentionally violate any provisions of this Agreement, including, if warranted, by termination of employment.
- XII. Breach and Security Incident Responsibilities:
- A. Notification to CDPH of Breach or Security Incident: The Data Recipient shall notify CDPH **immediately by telephone call plus e-mail or fax** upon the discovery of a breach (as defined in this

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Agreement), or within **24 hours by e-mail or fax** of the discovery of any security incident (as defined in this Agreement). Notification shall be provided to the VRBIS Project Manager, the CDPH Privacy Officer, and the CDPH Chief Information Security Officer, using the contact information listed in Section XII (E), below. If the breach or security incident occurs after business hours or on a weekend or holiday and involves Protected Data in electronic or computerized form, notification to CDPH shall be provided by calling the CDPH Information Technology Service Desk at the telephone numbers listed in Section XII (E), below. For purposes of this section, breaches and security incidents shall be treated as discovered by Data Recipient as of the first day on which such breach or security incident is known to the Data Recipient, or, by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known to the Data Recipient. Data Recipient shall be deemed to have knowledge of a breach or security incident if such breach or security incident is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the breach or security incident, who is an employee or agent of the Data Recipient.

Data Recipient shall take:

1. Prompt corrective action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the breach or security incident and to protect the operating environment; and
 2. Any action pertaining to a breach required by applicable federal and state laws, including, specifically, California Civil Code Section 1798.29.
- B. Investigation of Breach: The Data Recipient shall immediately investigate such breach or security incident, and within 72 hours of the discovery, shall inform the VRBIS Project Manager, the CDPH Privacy Officer, and the CDPH Chief Information Security Officer of:
1. What data elements were involved and the extent of the data involved in the breach, including, specifically, the number of individuals whose personal information was breached; and
 2. A description of the unauthorized persons known or reasonably believed to have improperly used the Protected Data and/or a description of the unauthorized persons known or reasonably believed to have improperly accessed or acquired the Protected Data, or to whom it is known or reasonably believed to have had the Protected Data improperly disclosed to them; and
 3. A description of where the Protected Data is believed to have been improperly used or disclosed; and
 4. A description of the probable causes of the breach or security incident; and
 5. Whether California Civil Code Section 1798.29 or any other federal or state laws requiring individual notifications of breaches have been triggered.
- C. Written Report: The Data Recipient shall provide a written report of the investigation to the CDPH VRBIS Project Contact, the CDPH Privacy Officer, and the CDPH Chief Information Security Officer within five working days of the discovery of the breach or security incident. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the information specified above, as well as a full, detailed corrective action plan, including information on measures that were taken to halt and/or contain the breach or security incident, and measures to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such breach or security incident.
- D. Notification to Individuals: If notification to individuals whose information was breached is required under state or federal law, and regardless of whether Data Recipient is considered only a custodian

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and/or non-owner of the Protected Data, Data Recipient shall, at its sole expense, and at the sole election of CDPH, either:

1. Make notification to the individuals affected by the breach (including substitute notification), pursuant to the content and timeliness provisions of such applicable state or federal breach notice laws. The CDPH Privacy Officer shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications, prior to the transmission of such notifications to the individuals; or
 2. Cooperate with and assist CDPH in its notification (including substitute notification) to the individuals affected by the breach.
- E. CDPH Contact Information: To direct communications to the above referenced CDPH staff, the Data Recipient shall initiate contact as indicated herein. CDPH reserves the right to make changes to the contact information below by giving written notice to the Data Recipient. Said changes shall not require an amendment to this Agreement.

CDPH VRBIS Project Contact	CDPH Privacy Officer	CDPH Chief Information Security Officer (and CDPH IT Service Desk)
CA-VRBIS Project Support Desk / Laura Lund 1501 Capitol Ave. MS 5101 P.O. Box 997410 Sacramento, CA 95899-7410 Laura.Lund@cdph.ca.gov Telephone: (916) 552-8113	Privacy Officer Privacy Office, Office of Legal Services, CDPH 1415 L Street, Suite 500 Sacramento, CA 95814 privacy@cdph.ca.gov Telephone: (877) 421-9634	Chief Information Security Officer Information Security Office, CDPH, MS 6302 P.O. Box 997377 Sacramento, CA 95899-7377 cdphiso@cdph.ca.gov Telephone: IT Service Desk (916) 440-7000 or (800) 579-0874

- XIII. Indemnification: Data Recipient shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend CDPH from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, costs and other expenses (including attorneys' fees) that result from or arise directly or indirectly out of or in connection with any negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of Data Recipient, its officers, employees or agents relative to the Protected Data, including without limitation, any violations of Data Recipient's responsibilities under this Agreement.
- XIV. Term of Agreement: This Agreement shall remain in effect for three (3) years after the last signature date in the signature block below. After three (3) years, this Agreement will expire without further action. If the parties wish to extend this Agreement, they may do so by reviewing, updating, and reauthorizing this Agreement. The newly signed agreement should explicitly supersede this Agreement, which should be referenced by Agreement Number and date in Section I of the new Agreement. If one or both of the parties wish to terminate this Agreement prematurely, they may do so upon 30 days advanced notice. CDPH may also terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section XV or XVII, below.
- XV. Termination for Cause:
- A. Termination Upon Breach: A breach by Data Recipient of any provision of this Agreement, as determined by CDPH, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement by CDPH. At its sole discretion, CDPH may give Data Recipient 30 days to cure the breach.

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- B. Judicial or Administrative Proceedings: Data Recipient will notify CDPH if it is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding related to a violation of this Agreement. CDPH may terminate the Agreement if Data Recipient is found guilty of a criminal violation related to a violation of this Agreement. CDPH may terminate the Agreement if a finding or stipulation that the Data Recipient has violated any security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the Data Recipient is a party or has been joined.
- XVI. Return or Destruction of Protected Data on Expiration or Termination: On expiration or termination of the agreement between Data Recipient and CDPH for any reason, Data Recipient shall return or destroy the Protected Data. If return or destruction is not feasible, Data Recipient shall explain to CDPH why, in writing, to the VRBIS Project Manager, the CDPH Privacy Officer, and the CDPH Chief Information Security Officer, using the contact information listed in Section XIII (E), above.
- A. Retention Required by Law: If required by state or federal law, Data Recipient may retain, after expiration or termination, Protected Data for the time specified as necessary to comply with the law.
- B. Obligations Continue Until Return or Destruction: Data Recipient's obligations under this Agreement shall continue until Data Recipient destroys the Protected Data or returns the Protected Data to CDPH; provided however, that on expiration or termination of the Agreement, Data Recipient shall not further use or disclose the Protected Data except as required by state or federal law.
- C. Notification of Election to Destroy Protected Data: If Data Recipient elects to destroy the Protected Data, Data Recipient shall certify in writing, to the VRBIS Project Manager, the CDPH Privacy Officer, and the CDPH Chief Information Security Officer, using the contact information listed in Section XIII (E), above, that the Protected Data has been destroyed.
- XVII. Amendment: The parties acknowledge that federal and state laws relating to information security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this Agreement may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such laws. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement new standards and requirements imposed by regulations and other applicable laws relating to the security or privacy of Protected Data. Upon CDPH request, Data Recipient agrees to promptly enter into negotiations with CDPH concerning an amendment to this Agreement embodying written assurances consistent with new standards and requirements imposed by regulations and other applicable laws. CDPH may terminate this Agreement upon 30-days written notice in the event:
- A. Data Recipient does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend this Agreement when requested by CDPH pursuant to this section; or
- B. Data Recipient does not enter into an amendment providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of Protected Data that CDPH in its sole discretion deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of applicable laws and regulations relating to the security or privacy of Protected Data.
- XVIII. Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings: Data Recipient shall make itself and any employees or agents assisting Data Recipient in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, available to CDPH at no cost to CDPH to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against CDPH, its director, officers or employees based upon claimed violation of laws relating to security and privacy, which involves inactions or actions by the Data Recipient, except where Data Recipient or its employee or agent is a named adverse party.

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- XIX. Disclaimer: CDPH makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Data Recipient with this Agreement will be adequate or satisfactory for Data Recipient's own purposes or that any information in Data Recipient's possession or control, or transmitted or received by Data Recipient, is or will be secure from unauthorized use or disclosure. Data Recipient is solely responsible for all decisions made by Data Recipient regarding the safeguarding of Protected Data.
- XX. Transfer of Rights: Data Recipient has no right and shall not subcontract, delegate, assign, or otherwise transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any other person or entity. Any such transfer of rights shall be null and void.
- XXI. No Third-Party Beneficiaries: Nothing expressed or implied in the terms and conditions of this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than CDPH or Data Recipient and their respective successors or assignees, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities, whatsoever.
- XXII. Interpretation: The terms and conditions in this Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with regulations and applicable State and Federal laws. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with federal and state laws.
- XXIII. Survival: The respective rights and obligations of Data Recipient under Sections VII, VIII and XII of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement .
- XXIV. Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between CDPH and Data Recipient. Any and all modifications of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties. Any oral representations or agreements between the parties shall be of no force or effect.
- XXV. Severability: The invalidity in whole or in part of any provisions of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provisions of this Agreement.
- XXVI. Signatures:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as follows:

On behalf of the Data Recipient, the _____ Local Health Department, the undersigned individual hereby attests that he or she is authorized to enter into this Agreement and agrees to abide by and enforce all the terms specified herein.

(Name of Representative of the Local Health Department)

(Title)

(Signature)

(Date)

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On behalf of CDPH, the undersigned individual hereby attests that he or she is authorized to enter into this Agreement and agrees to all the terms specified herein.

(Name of CDPH Representative)

(Title)

(Signature) (Date)

Attachment A
Data Recipient Data Security Standards

1. General Security Controls

- a. **Confidentiality Statement.** All persons that will be working with Protected Data must sign a confidentiality statement. The statement must include at a minimum, General Use, Security and Privacy Safeguards, Unacceptable Use, and Enforcement Policies. The statement must be signed by the workforce member prior to access to Protected Data. The statement must be renewed annually. The Data Recipient shall retain each person's written confidentiality statement for CDPH inspection for a period of three years following contract termination.
- b. **Workstation/Laptop encryption.** All workstations and laptops that process and/or store Protected Data must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), with a 128bit key or higher. The encryption solution must be full disk unless approved by the CDPH Information Security Office.
- c. **Server Security.** Servers containing unencrypted Protected Data must have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review.
- d. **Minimum Necessary.** Only the minimum necessary amount of Protected Data required to perform necessary business functions may be copied, downloaded, or exported.
- e. **Removable media devices.** All electronic files that contain Protected Data must be encrypted when stored on any removable media or portable device (i.e., USB thumb drives, floppies, CD/DVD, Blackberry, back-up tapes, etc.). Must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm, such as AES, with a 128bit key or higher.
- f. **Antivirus software.** All workstations, laptops, and other systems that process and/or store Protected Data must install and actively use a comprehensive anti-virus software solution with automatic updates scheduled at least daily.
- g. **Patch Management.** All workstations, laptops, and other systems that process and/or store Protected Data must have security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary. There must be a documented patch management process which determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations. At a maximum, all applicable patches must be installed within 30 days of vendor release.
- h. **User IDs and Password Controls.** All users must be issued a unique user name for accessing Protected Data. Username must be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the transfer or termination of an employee with knowledge of the password. Passwords: are not to be shared; must be at least eight characters; must be a non-dictionary word; must not be stored in readable format on the computer; must be changed every 60 days; must be changed if revealed or compromised and must be composed of characters from at least three of the following four groups from the standard keyboard:
 - Upper case letters (A-Z);
 - Lower case letters (a-z);
 - Arabic numerals (0-9); and
 - Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols).
- i. **Data Sanitization.** All Protected Data must be sanitized using NIST Special Publication 800-88 standard methods for data sanitization when the CDPH PSCI is no longer needed.

2. System Security Controls

- a. **System Timeout.** The system must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than 20 minutes of inactivity.
- b. **Warning Banners.** All systems containing Protected Data must display a warning banner stating that data is confidential, systems are logged, and system use is for business purposes only. User must be directed to log off the system if they do not agree with these requirements.
- c. **System Logging.** The system must maintain an automated audit trail which can identify the user or system process which initiates a request for Protected Data, or which alters Protected Data. The audit trail must be date and time stamped, must log both successful and failed accesses, must be read only, and must be restricted to authorized users. If Protected Data is stored in a database, database logging functionality must be enabled. Audit trail data must be archived for at least three years after occurrence.
- d. **Access Controls.** The system must use role based access controls for all user authentications, enforcing the principle of least privilege.
- e. **Transmission encryption.** All data transmissions of Protected Data outside the secure internal network must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm, such as AES, with a 128bit key or higher. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing Protected Data can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of Protected Data in motion such as website access, file transfer, and e-mail.
- f. **Intrusion Detection.** All systems involved in accessing, holding, transporting, and protecting Protected Data that are accessible via the Internet must be protected by a comprehensive intrusion detection and prevention solution.

3. Audit Controls

- a. **System Security Review.** All systems processing and/or storing Protected Data must have at least an annual system risk assessment/security review which provides assurance that administrative, physical, and technical controls are functioning effectively and providing adequate levels of protection. Reviews shall include vulnerability scanning tools.
- b. **Log Reviews.** All systems processing and/or storing Protected Data must have a routine procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.
- c. **Change Control.** All systems processing and/or storing Protected Data must have a documented change control procedure that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.

4. Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Controls

- a. **Disaster Recovery.** Data Recipient must establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of electronic Protected Data in the event of an emergency. Emergency means any circumstance or situation that causes normal computer operations to become unavailable for use in performing the work required under this agreement for more than 24 hours.
- b. **Data Backup Plan.** Data Recipient must have established documented procedures to back-up Protected Data to maintain retrievable exact copies of Protected Data. The plan must include a regular schedule for making backups, storing backups offsite, an inventory of back-up media, and the amount of time to restore Protected Data should it be lost. At a minimum, the schedule must be a weekly full backup and monthly offsite storage of CDPH data.

5. Paper Document Controls

- a. **Supervision of Data.** Protected Data in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time, unless it is locked in a file cabinet, file room, desk or office. Unattended means that information is not being observed by an employee authorized to access the information. Protected Data in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time in vehicles, planes, trains, or any other modes of transportation and shall not be checked in baggage on commercial airplanes.
- b. **Escorting Visitors.** Visitors to areas where Protected Data is contained shall be escorted and CDPH PHI shall be kept out of sight while visitors are in the area.
- c. **Confidential Destruction.** Protected Data must be disposed of through confidential means, using NIST Special Publication 800-88 standard methods for data sanitization when the CDPH PSCI is no longer needed.
- d. **Removal of Data.** Protected Data must not be removed from the premises of the Data Recipient except with express written permission of CDPH.
- e. **Faxing.** Faxes containing Protected Data shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas. Faxes shall contain a confidentiality statement notifying persons receiving faxes in error to destroy them. Fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before sending.
- f. **Mailing.** Protected Data shall only be mailed using secure methods. Large volume mailings of CDPH PHI shall be by a secure, bonded courier with signature required on receipt. Disks and other transportable media sent through the mail must be encrypted with a CDPH-approved solution, such as a solution using a vendor product specified on the CSSI.