



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/4/2019

File #: 19-745

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Public Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Health Officer Agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Health Officer agreement with Donald I. Baird, M.D. for services for FY 2019-20; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return the agreement to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Contract Unit for forwarding to DHHS - Employee Services.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Fund

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.

On Jan. 10, 2012, your Board initially appointed Donald I. Baird, M.D. as the Health Officer for Humboldt County with a 2 year agreement for services. Your Board has approved annual renewal of the agreement for services with Dr. Baird as Health Officer since.

DHHS wishes to continue the agreement with Dr. Baird for FY 2019-20, a period of 12 months. Reimbursement for membership fees, as pertaining to the Health Officer position, and a partial reimbursement for cell phone use expenses were included in previous agreements and will continue in FY 2019-20. Reimbursement of these items allows Dr. Baird to provide more effective service to the Humboldt County community.

Therefore, DHHS recommends that the Board approve the agreement for services with Dr. Baird for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Health Officer position is included in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 400 - Administration. The full-time equivalent (FTE) of the position is .60 FTE and the salary, as specified in Exhibit A of the attached agreement, is \$95.98 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 FY 2019-20, the annual salary cost of the Health Officer will be approximately \$119,783. The annual salary for the service agreement with Dr. Baird was included in the proposed county budget process for FY 2019-20. There is no impact to the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the agreement. 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 Donald I. Baird, M.D.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-4, D-9, C-9, C-7, C-10, C-17

Meeting of: 1/10/12, 6/10/14, 6/16/15, 6/14/16, 6/13/17, 5/8/18

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