



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C10

For the meeting of: August 28, 2018

Date: July 23, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *MS for Connie Beck*
Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Professional Services Agreement with Michael Ferris for Public Health Laboratory Director Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute three (3) originals of the Professional Services Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Public Health and Michael Ferris for Public Health Laboratory Director Services;
2. Authorize the DHHS – Public Health Director, or designee, to sign any subsequent amendments thereto after review and approval by County Counsel and Risk Manager; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) signed originals of the agreement to the DHHS – Contract Unit.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Funds

DISCUSSION:

The DHHS – Public Health Laboratory provides a number of laboratory services including testing and support for community health providers to aid in diagnosis, treatment and control of communicable

Prepared by Lara Zintsmaster, AA II

CAO Approval *E. J. [Signature]*

REVIEW:

Auditor *CS* County Counsel *JN* Human Resources *THB* Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. C-4, C-13, C-17

Meeting of: 10/22/13, 12/17/13, 12/13/16

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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

Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn*

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent *Wilson*

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

Dated: *8/28/18*

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

diseases. It also supports several other DHHS – Public Health programs including Communicable Disease, Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness.

Regulations in the Federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) of 1988 require that all public health laboratories have a qualified Laboratory Director. Qualifications include a doctorate degree, Federal CLIA board certification, California Public Health Microbiologist certification and four years minimum experience working in a public health laboratory. A doctorate degree is waived if the Laboratory Director was hired prior to the adoption of this requirement. Michael Ferris is currently the Public Health Laboratory Director for the County of Sonoma and meets these CLIA requirements.

Since October 2013, DHHS – Public Health has contracted with the County of Sonoma for Laboratory Director Services provided by Michael Ferris. On December 13, 2016 your Board authorized the DHHS-Public Health Director to sign the current two (2) year Professional Services Agreement with the County of Sonoma for the period of Jan. 1, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2018.

Mr. Ferris has announced his retirement from the County of Sonoma as Laboratory Director beginning Sept. 1, 2018 and has agreed to continue providing Laboratory Director Services to DHHS – Public Health's Laboratory for an additional two (2) years as an independent contractor. The current agreement with the County of Sonoma will be terminated upon execution of this agreement with Mr. Ferris. CLIA requires that a qualified Laboratory Director position be filled without interruption – without a Laboratory Director in place, any public health laboratory would be required to discontinue providing clinical services to the community. Because Mr. Ferris has provided excellent service to the DHHS - Public Health Laboratory and is familiar with the laboratory's protocol and procedures, it is desired that DHHS – Public Health continue contracting with him independently for two (2) years as staff begins their search for a permanent Laboratory Director.

The Laboratory Director is responsible for the overall operation and administration of the laboratory and will be available to provide telephone or electronic consultation as needed and specified in the agreement. The current Public Health Laboratory Manager will continue to handle the day to day supervision of staff and organization of the DHHS – Public Health Laboratory.

This agreement before your Board today will allow Mr. Ferris to provide Laboratory Director Services without interruption to the Public Health Laboratory for the period of Sep. 1, 2018 through August 30, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the agreement with Michael Ferris for Laboratory Director Services is a two (2) year agreement for the period of Sep. 1, 2018 through Aug. 30, 2020. The cost for the services for the Laboratory Director is \$35,000 annually, or \$70,000 for the full two-year term. Travel costs associated with this agreement are included, though DHHS – Public Health is responsible for hotel costs directly. This agreement is funded through fund 1175, budget unit 435 – Public Health Laboratory. These costs were anticipated and included in the approved County Budget for fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 and will be included in the FY 2019-20 county budgeting process. There is no impact to the county's General Fund.

This agreement supports the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and providing community appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could choose to not approve the agreement for Laboratory Director Services with Michael Ferris; however that is not recommended as a Laboratory Director must oversee the DHHS – Public Health Laboratory or it cannot provide needed services to the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

Three (3) originals of the Professional Services Agreement with Michael Ferris

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
AND
MICHAEL FERRIS**

This Agreement, entered into this 28 day of August, 2018, by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and Michael Ferris, a qualified California Laboratory Director hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR," is made upon the following considerations:

WHEREAS, COUNTY, by and through its Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") Public Health, desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR to serve as the Laboratory Director for the DHHS – Public Health Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, such work involves the performance of professional, expert and technical services for a specified period; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has no employees available to perform such services and is unable to hire employees for the performance thereof for the temporary period; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has represented that it is qualified and meets the requirements to perform such services.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the services described in Exhibit A – Scope of Services, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. In providing such services, CONTRACTOR agrees to fully cooperate with the DHHS – Public Health Director or designee thereof, hereinafter referred to as "DIRECTOR".

2. TERM:

This Agreement shall begin on September 1, 2018 and shall remain in full force and effect until August 31, 2020 unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

3. TERMINATION:

- A. Breach of Contract. If, in the opinion of COUNTY, CONTRACTOR fails to adequately perform the services required hereunder within the time limits specified herein, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, or violates any ordinance, regulation, or other law applicable to its performance herein, COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately, upon notice.
- B. Without Cause. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to CONTRACTOR. Such notice shall state the effective date of the termination.

- C. Insufficient Funding. COUNTY's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the availability of local, state and/or federal funds. In the event such funding is terminated or reduced, COUNTY shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether this Agreement shall be terminated. COUNTY shall provide CONTRACTOR seven (7) days advance written notice of its intent to terminate this Agreement due to insufficient funding.
- D. Compensation Upon Termination. In the event of any termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to compensation for uncompensated services rendered hereunder through and including the effective date of such termination. However, this provision shall not limit or reduce any damages owing to COUNTY resulting from a breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR.

4. COMPENSATION:

- A. Maximum Amount Payable. The maximum amount payable by COUNTY for services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement is Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000). CONTRACTOR agrees to perform all services required by this Agreement for an amount not to exceed such maximum dollar amount. If local, state or federal funding or allowance rates are reduced or deleted; the maximum amount payable by COUNTY for services provided hereunder may be reduced accordingly.
- B. Schedule of Rates. The specific rates and costs applicable to this Agreement are set forth in Exhibit B – Schedule of Rates, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- C. Additional Services. Any additional services not otherwise provided for herein, shall not be provided or compensated without written authorization by COUNTY. All unauthorized costs and expenses incurred above the maximum dollar amount set forth herein shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY, in writing, at least six (6) weeks prior to the date upon which CONTRACTOR estimates that the maximum dollar amount will be reached.

5. PAYMENT:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY quarterly invoices itemizing all services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Invoices shall be in a format approved by, and shall include backup documentation as specified by, DIRECTOR and the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller. CONTRACTOR shall submit a final undisputed invoice for payment within thirty (30) days following the expiration or termination date of this Agreement. Payment for services rendered and costs and expenses incurred will be made within thirty (30) days after the receipt of approved invoices. All invoices submitted by CONTRACTOR shall be sent to COUNTY at the following address:

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS – Public Health
Attention: Jeremy Corrigan, Lab Manager
529 I Street
Eureka, CA 95501

6. NOTICES:

Any and all notices required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the respective addresses set forth below. Notice shall be effective upon actual receipt or refusal as shown on the receipt obtained pursuant to the foregoing.

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS – Public Health
Attention: Jeremy Corrigan, Lab Manager
529 I Street
Eureka, CA 95501

CONTRACTOR: Michael Ferris
28 Oxford Court
Petaluma, CA 94952

7. REPORTS:

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide COUNTY with any and all reports that may be required by local, state and/or federal agencies for compliance with this Agreement. Reports shall be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar quarter using the format required by the State of California as appropriate.

8. RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION:

- A. Maintenance and Preservation of Records. CONTRACTOR agrees to timely prepare accurate and complete financial, performance and payroll records, documents and other evidence relating to the services provided hereunder, and to maintain and preserve said records for at least three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, except that if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is pending, the records shall be retained until completion and resolution of all issues arising therefrom. The books and records shall be original entry books with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits for the services provided hereunder.
- B. Inspection of Records. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7, all records, documents, conditions and activities of CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, related to the services provided hereunder, shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor and any other duly authorized agents of the State of California for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to make all such records available during normal business hours to inspection, audit and reproduction by COUNTY and any duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. CONTRACTOR further agrees to allow interviews of any of its employees who might reasonably have information related to such records by COUNTY and any duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. All examinations and audits conducted hereunder shall be strictly confined to those matters connected with the performance of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering this Agreement.
- C. Audit Costs. In the event of an audit exception or exceptions, the party responsible for not meeting the program requirements shall be responsible for the deficiency and for the cost of the audit. If the allowable expenditures cannot be determined because CONTRACTOR's

documentation is nonexistent or inadequate, according to generally accepted accounting practices, the questionable cost shall be disallowed by COUNTY.

9. MONITORING:

CONTRACTOR agrees that COUNTY has the right to monitor all activities related to this Agreement, including, without limitation, the right to review and monitor CONTRACTOR's records, programs or procedures, at any time, as well as the overall operation of CONTRACTOR's programs, in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. However, COUNTY is not responsible, and will not be held accountable, for overseeing or evaluating the adequacy of the results of services performed by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

- A. Disclosure of Confidential Information. In the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may receive information that is confidential under local, state or federal law. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to protect all confidential information in conformance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards, including, but not limited to: Division 19 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures – Confidentiality of Information; California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 5328 and 10850; California Health and Safety Code Sections 1280.15 and 1280.18; the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CMIA"); the United States Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH Act"); the United States Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and any current and future implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the Federal Privacy Regulations contained in Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") Parts 160 and 164, the Federal Security Standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164 and the Federal Standards for Electronic Transactions contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 162, all as may be amended from time to time.
- B. Continuing Compliance with Confidentiality Laws. The parties acknowledge that federal and state confidentiality laws are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this Agreement may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. Each party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning an amendment to this Agreement embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the CMIA and any other applicable local, state and federal laws or regulations.

11. NUCLEAR FREE HUMBOLDT COUNTY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE:

CONTRACTOR certifies by its signature below that it is not a Nuclear Weapons Contractor, in that CONTRACTOR is not knowingly or intentionally engaged in the research, development, production or testing of nuclear warheads, nuclear weapons systems or nuclear weapons components as defined by the Nuclear Free Humboldt County Ordinance. CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY immediately if it becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor as defined above. COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CONTRACTOR subsequently becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor.

12. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

- A. Professional Services and Employment. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate in the provision of professional services or against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion or religious creed, color, age (over forty (40) years of age), sex (including gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions), sexual orientation (including heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality), national origin, ancestry, marital status, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), mental or physical disability (including HIV status and AIDS), political affiliation, military service, denial of family care leave or any other classifications protected by local, state, or federal laws or regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the employment of unqualified persons.
- B. Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws. CONTRACTOR further assures that it, and its subcontractors, will abide by the applicable provisions of: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Food Stamp Act of 1977; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; California Civil Code Sections 51, et seq.; California Government Code Sections 4450, et seq.; California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10000; Division 21 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures; United States Executive Order 11246, as amended and supplemented by United States Order 11375 and 41 C.F.R. Part 60; and any other applicable local, state and/or federal laws and regulations, all as may be amended from time to time. The applicable regulations of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing California Government Code Section 12990, set forth in Chapter 5, Division 4 of Title 2, of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

13. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code Sections 8350 et seq.) and will provide a drug-free workplace by doing all of the following:

- A. Drug-Free Policy Statement. Publish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(1), a Drug-Free Policy Statement which notifies employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited, and specifies the actions to be taken against employees for violations.
- B. Drug-Free Awareness Program. Establish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(2), a Drug-Free Awareness Program which informs employees about the following:
1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 2. CONTRACTOR's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 3. Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and

4. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

C. Drug-Free Employment Agreement. Ensure, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(3), that every employee who provides services hereunder will:

1. Receive a copy of CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy Statement; and
2. Agree to abide by the terms of CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy as a condition of employment.

D. Effect of Noncompliance. Failure to comply with the above-referenced requirements may result in suspension of payments under this Agreement and/or termination thereof, and CONTRACTOR may be ineligible for award of future contracts if COUNTY determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CONTRACTOR violates the certification by failing to carry out the above-referenced requirements.

14. INDEMNIFICATION:

A. Hold Harmless, Defense and Indemnification. CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, attorney fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of, or in connection with, CONTRACTOR's negligent performance of, or failure to comply with, any of the obligations contained herein, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY.

B. Effect of Insurance. Acceptance of insurance, if required by this Agreement, does not relieve CONTRACTOR from liability under this provision. This provision shall apply to all claims for damages related to the services performed by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement regardless if any insurance is applicable or not. The insurance policy limits set forth herein shall not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification or defense to be provided by CONTRACTOR hereunder.

15. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

This Agreement shall not be executed by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR is not entitled to any rights hereunder, unless certificates of insurance or other sufficient proof that the following provisions have been complied with, are filed with the Clerk of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

A. General Insurance Requirements. Without limiting CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligations provided for herein, CONTRACTOR shall, and shall require that all subcontractors hereunder, take out and maintain, throughout the entire period of this Agreement, and any extended term thereof, the following policies of insurance, placed with insurers authorized to do business in the State of California with a current A.M. Bests rating of no less than A: VII or its equivalent against personal injury, death and property damage which may arise from, or in connection with, the activities of CONTRACTOR, its agents, officers, directors, employees, licensees, invitees, assignees or subcontractors:

1. Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (occurrence form CG 0001), in

an amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence for any one incident, including, but not limited to, personal injury, death and property damage. If a general aggregate limit is used, such limit shall apply separately hereto or shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

2. Automobile/Motor Liability Insurance with a limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage. Such insurance shall include coverage of all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles. Said coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Service Offices Form Code 1 (any auto).
3. Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the Labor Code of the State of California, with statutory limits, and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident for bodily injury or disease. Said policy shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, a waiver of subrogation against COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.

If CONTRACTOR has no employees, CONTRACTOR may sign the following certification in lieu of Workers' Compensation Insurance:

"I am aware of the provisions of the California Labor Code Section 3700 which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with provisions of that code before commencing with and during the performance of the work of this contract."

CONTRACTOR:



Michael Ferris
Laboratory Director

7-19-18

Date

4. Professional Liability Insurance – Error and Omission Coverage including coverage in an amount no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for each occurrence (Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) general aggregate). Said insurance shall be maintained for the statutory period during which CONTRACTOR may be exposed to liability. CONTRACTOR shall require that such coverage be incorporated into its professional services agreements with any other entities.
- B. Special Insurance Requirements. Said policies shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be endorsed with the following provisions:
1. The Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Policy shall provide that COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers, are covered as additional insured for liability arising out of the operations performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Said policy shall also contain a provision stating that such coverage:
 - a. Includes contractual liability.
 - b. Does not contain exclusions as to loss or damage to property caused by explosion or resulting from collapse of buildings or structures or damage to property underground, commonly referred to as "XCU Hazards."

- c. Is the primary insurance with regard to COUNTY.
 - d. Does not contain a pro-rata, excess only and/or escape clause.
 - e. Contains a cross liability, severability of interest or separation of insureds clause.
- 2. The above-referenced policies shall not be canceled, non-renewed or materially reduced in coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice being provided to COUNTY in accordance with the notice provisions set forth herein. It is further understood that CONTRACTOR shall not terminate such coverage until COUNTY receives adequate proof that equal or better insurance has been secured.
 - 3. The inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, and the coverage afforded shall apply as though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the insurer's liability.
 - 4. For claims related to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR's insurance is the primary coverage to COUNTY, and any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained thereby are excess to CONTRACTOR's insurance and will not be used to contribute therewith.
 - 5. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, including breach of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.
 - 6. CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with certificates and original endorsements effecting the required coverage prior to execution of this Agreement. The endorsements shall be on forms approved by the Humboldt County Risk Manager or County Counsel. Any deductible or self-insured retention over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be disclosed to, and approved by, COUNTY. If CONTRACTOR does not keep all required policies in full force and effect, COUNTY may, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, take out the necessary insurance, and CONTRACTOR agrees to pay the cost thereof. COUNTY is also hereby authorized with the discretion to deduct the cost of said insurance from the monies owed to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.
 - 7. COUNTY is to be notified immediately if twenty-five percent (25%) or more of any required insurance aggregate limit is encumbered, and CONTRACTOR shall be required to purchase additional coverage to meet the above-referenced aggregate limits.
- C. Insurance Notices. Any and all insurance notices required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be sent to the addresses set forth below in accordance with the notice provisions described herein.

COUNTY: County of Humboldt
Attn: Risk Management
825 Fifth Street, Room 131
Eureka, California 95501

CONTRACTOR: Michael Ferris

16. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:

It is understood that this is an Agreement by and between two (2) independent contractors and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or any other similar association. Both parties further agree that CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including, but not limited to, overtime, retirement benefits, leave benefits or workers' compensation. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the acts or omissions of its agents, officers, employees, assignees and subcontractors.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures applicable to the services covered by this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further agrees to comply with any and all applicable local, state and federal licensure and certification requirements.

18. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW:

This Agreement is subject to any additional local, state and federal restrictions, limitations, or conditions that may affect the provisions, terms or funding of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be read and enforced as though all legally required provisions are included herein, and if for any reason any such provision is not included, or is not correctly stated, the parties agree to amend the pertinent section to make such insertion or correction.

19. REFERENCE TO LAWS AND RULES:

In the event any law, regulation, policy or procedure referred to in this Agreement is amended during the term hereof, the parties agree to comply with the amended provision as of the effective date of such amendment.

20. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

21. ASSIGNMENT:

Neither party shall delegate its duties nor assign its rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without the other party's prior written consent. Any assignment by CONTRACTOR in violation of this provision shall be void, and shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement. This provision shall not be applicable to service agreements or other arrangements usually or customarily entered into by CONTRACTOR to obtain supplies, technical support or professional services.

22. AGREEMENT SHALL BIND SUCCESSORS:

All provisions of this Agreement shall be fully binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties and to each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

23. WAIVER OF DEFAULT:

The waiver by either party of any breach or violation of any requirement of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such breach in the future, or of the breach of any other requirement of this Agreement. In no event shall any payment by COUNTY constitute a waiver of any breach of this Agreement or any default which may then exist on the part of CONTRACTOR. Nor shall such payment impair or prejudice any remedy available to COUNTY with respect to any breach or default. COUNTY shall have the right to demand repayment of, and CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund, any funds disbursed to CONTRACTOR which, in the judgment of COUNTY, were not expended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

24. NON-LIABILITY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES:

No official or employee of COUNTY shall be personally liable for any default or liability under this Agreement.

25. AMENDMENT:

This Agreement may be amended at any time during the term of this Agreement upon the mutual consent of both parties. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

26. STANDARD OF PRACTICE:

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has the degree of learning and skill ordinarily possessed by reputable professionals practicing in similar localities in the same profession and under similar circumstances. CONTRACTOR's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

27. TITLE TO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that any and all documents, information and reports concerning the subject matter of this Agreement prepared and/or submitted by CONTRACTOR shall become the property of COUNTY. However, CONTRACTOR may retain copies of such documents and information for its records. In the event of termination of this Agreement, for any reason whatsoever, CONTRACTOR shall promptly turn over all information, writings and documents pertaining to the services provided hereunder to COUNTY without exception or reservation.

28. JURISDICTION AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising hereunder, or relating hereto, shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the County of Humboldt unless transferred by court order pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 394 or 395.

29. ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RELEASE:

All informational material related to this Agreement shall receive approval from COUNTY prior to being used as advertising or released to the media, including, but not limited to, television, radio, newspapers and internet. CONTRACTOR shall inform COUNTY of all requests for interviews by the media related to this Agreement before such interviews take place; and COUNTY shall be entitled to have a representative present at such interviews. All notices required by this provision shall be given to DIRECTOR

30. SUBCONTRACTS:

CONTRACTOR shall obtain prior written approval from COUNTY before subcontracting any of the services to be provided hereunder. Any and all subcontracts will be subject to all applicable provisions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall remain legally responsible for the performance of all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including work performed by third parties under subcontracts, whether approved by COUNTY or not.

31. ATTORNEYS' FEES:

If either party shall commence any legal action or proceeding, including an action for declaratory relief, against the other by reason of the alleged failure of the other to perform or keep any provision of this Agreement to be performed or kept, the party prevailing in said action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including the reasonable value of services rendered by the Humboldt County Counsel's Office, to be fixed by the court, and such recovery shall include court costs and attorneys' fees on appeal, if applicable. As used herein, "prevailing party" means the party who dismisses an action or proceeding in exchange for payment of substantially all sums allegedly due, performance of provisions allegedly breached, or other considerations substantially equal to the relief sought by said party, as well as the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.

32. SURVIVAL:

The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in Section 3(D) – Compensation Upon Termination, Section 8 – Record Retention and Inspection, Section 10 – Confidential Information and Section 14 – Indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

33. CONFLICTING TERMS OR CONDITIONS:

In the event of any conflict in the terms or conditions set forth in any other agreements in place between the parties hereto and the terms and conditions set forth in paragraphs 1 through 39 of this Agreement, paragraphs 1 through 39 of this Agreement shall have priority.

34. INTERPRETATION:

This Agreement, as well as its individual provisions, shall be deemed to have been prepared equally by both of the parties hereto, and shall not be construed or interpreted more favorably for one party on the basis that the other party prepared it.

35. INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION:

The titles of the sections, subsections and paragraphs set forth in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only, and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.

36. FORCE MAJEURE:

Neither party hereto shall be liable or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from events beyond the reasonable control of such party and without fault or negligence of such party. Such events shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, acts of government, fire, power failures, nuclear accidents, earthquakes, unusually severe weather, acts of terrorism or other disasters, whether or not similar to the foregoing.

37. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either of the parties hereto. In addition, this Agreement shall supersede in its entirety any and all prior agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations, whether oral or written, concerning the same subject matter. Any and all acts which may have already been consummated pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement are hereby ratified.

38. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE:

Each person executing this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal authority to execute and deliver this Agreement. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of such party's obligations hereunder have been duly authorized.

[Signatures on Following Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Agreement as of the date first written above.

MICHAEL FERRIS:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:

By: _____

Ryan Sundberg
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Scope of Services
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EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

Michael Ferris

September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2020

During the term of this agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees to provide any and all laboratory director services that a State of California licensed and certified laboratory director is required to perform, including, but not limited to those services described herein.

1. SERVICES:

- a. Providing consultations related to the testing of human clinical specimens, including, but not limited to, technical performance, reporting, and other legal requirements (e.g., Title 17). Consultations shall be available via phone (cell or land line), email, or teleconference.
- b. Reviewing and approving laboratory procedure manuals that pertain to human clinical testing.
- c. Ensuring that human clinical testing systems developed and used by laboratory staff provide quality laboratory results.
- d. Overseeing and reviewing quality assurance, quality control, and validation studies of newly employed scientific assays.
- e. Ensuring that all necessary corrective actions are taken and documented whenever significant deviations of laboratory protocols are identified.
- f. Ensuring consultation is available to COUNTY's clients, public health staff and administration, Public Health Officer, animal control and environmental health staff.
- g. Reviewing all proficiency testing results.
- h. Recommending procedural changes if needed, and overseeing documentation of corrective actions.
- i. Performing other duties as mandated by state or federal regulations that pertain to human clinical testing.
- j. Maintain all certification and/or licensure required to meet requirements for State of California licensed laboratory directors.

2. SCHEDULE:

- a. CONTRACTOR and COUNTY agree that CONTRACTOR will devote a maximum of 4 hours per week, on average, to the completion of the services described herein.
- b. CONTRACTOR will conduct quarterly visits to the DHHS – Public Health Laboratory on a mutually agreed-upon scheduled basis, with two days of work to be completed onsite.
 - i. Mileage, meal and other incidental travel expenses incurred by CONTRACTOR while fulfilling this agreement's Scope of Services are included in CONTRACTOR's quarterly fees and are not reimbursable by COUNTY.

3. DELIVERABLES:

Services as detailed under Section 1.

4. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

CONTRACTOR agrees to perform the services described herein in a manner consistent with the generally accepted standards for State of California licensed laboratory directors.

5. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. COUNTY agrees that the day-to-day management of the Humboldt County DHHS – Public Health Laboratory, including, but not limited to, hiring, personnel performance reviews, disciplinary actions, budgeting, fee changes, and time-off scheduling, will be the sole responsibility of COUNTY's on-site laboratory manager and administrative staff.
- b. COUNTY will arrange in advance and pay the expense for CONTRACTOR'S lodging for all scheduled quarterly trips.

EXHIBIT B
SCHEDULE OF RATES
Michael Ferris
September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2020

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| A. Rates | |
| Item: Laboratory Director Services as defined in Exhibit A Quarterly flat rate of \$8,750 or \$35,000 annually, for a total of \$70,000 Description: Consultation services provided by Laboratory Director for DHHS- Public Health. Flat rate includes all mileage and per diem for quarterly visits as detailed in Exhibit A. Lodging for all scheduled quarterly visits is <u>not</u> included in flat rate and shall be arranged in advanced and paid by COUNTY. | \$70,000 |
| Grand Total* : | \$70,000 |