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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Actions regarding the Bay Area Regional Registry (BARR)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements relating to the Bay Area Regional Registry (BARR) Program:

1. Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Santa Clara for membership in the Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry for the term January 24, 2006 through January 13, 2007; and
2. Memorandum of Understanding with the Solano-Napa-Yolo Commission on Medical Care, dba Partnership Health Plan of California, for the term January 24, 2006 through June 30, 2006 to provide recruitment and training of the immunization registry to HHS staff and local providers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bay Area Regional Registry (BARR) is a confidential, computerized immunization registry that serves as an effective tool in addressing the challenges of immunizing children on a regular schedule. Approval of the requested actions will enable the County of Napa to become a member of BARR. Membership includes being responsible for entering clinic immunization information as well as recruiting and training local providers. The Partnership HealthPlan, through a grant from First 5 Napa, will recruit and train providers until June 30, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	Staff time, which is expected to be minimal, will be needed to bring the BARR program to Napa County. Duties will be assigned to existing staff. PHC will do the majority of the training and recruiting of all 8 or so eligible providers.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Some staff time may be needed in future fiscal years to continue to provide training.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County will not be able to participate in the BARR program.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The State of California has created a statewide Immunization Registry with the intent of ensuring that parents are notified of their children's needed immunizations and to reduce the number of duplicate immunizations given because of the lack of record keeping. Families move, lose their traditional yellow immunization booklets, or visit multiple providers throughout a child's lifetime. The Immunization Registry was developed to provide one consistent record that providers throughout the State can enter and access patient Immunization information. Participation in this program is in the best public health interest of County residents.

The State of California is divided into regions, each of which has an administrator who monitors the immunization database and performs computer upgrades and technical assistance. The Bay Area Regional Registry, which feeds into the State Immunization Registry, will be used to collect and share immunization-related information for the purpose of increasing vaccination coverage for residents of the Bay Area. Santa Clara County serves as the Bay Area Regional Administrator. Subject to Board approval of the requested actions, Napa County will become a member agency and be responsible for recruiting providers as well as assisting providers in obtaining the compatible computer equipment and training for participation. Napa County would also participate in the Joint Committee.

Partnership Health Plan of California (PHC) was awarded a grant from the Napa County Children and Families Commission (First 5) to provide staff to recruit local providers and assist in the assessments needed to become a BARR user. PHC will train the providers and provide technical assistance as needed. PHC also will facilitate a training session for Napa County Public Health employees, who will be responsible for recruiting and training local providers after the agreement with PHC terminates on June 30, 2006.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita