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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Actions regarding the Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR)

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### **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 Immunization Registry (BARR):

1. Renewal of Joint Powers Agreement No. 6579 with the County of Santa Clara for membership in the BARR for the term January 14, 2007 through January 13, 2012; and
2. A revenue agreement with the California Department of Health Services for a maximum of \$33,250 for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 to fund implementation of the BARR program.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of the requested actions will allow Napa County to continue membership in the Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR) and to receive state immunization subvention funds for the development and implementation of the BARR automated immunization information and reminder system. The purpose of the BARR program is to have a single statewide immunization database and reduce the number of duplicate immunizations that are administered. The revenue that HHSA receives will offset a portion of one of the Health Education Specialist positions in HHSA's Public Health Division. This Specialist will be working on the implementation of BARR.

### **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: Approval of these agreements is discretionary in that there is no mandate to provide these services.
- Approval of the Joint Powers Agreement will allow Napa County to continue membership in the BARR. Members of BARR each provide their own resources to meet obligations under the JPA. Revenues will be generated by each member to cover some of the operating expenses of BARR. Napa County will be providing services through one of the Agency's Health Education Specialists, with revenue from the State (subject to the Board's approval of the revenue agreement) funding a portion of the Specialist's costs. The Health Education Specialist will serve as Napa County's representative to the BARR Joint Committee.
- Is the general fund affected? No
- Future fiscal impact: The Joint Powers Agreement with Santa Clara County expires January 13, 2012.
- The agreement with the Department of Health Services expires June 30, 2007.
- Consequences if not approved: If these agreements are not approved, the County will be unable to continue membership in the BARR and will not receive revenue from the State.
- Additional Information:

### **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**

On January 24, 2006, the Board authorized a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the County of Santa Clara for membership in the Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR) for the term January 24, 2006 through January 13, 2007. The State of California created a statewide Immunization Registry to ensure 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. The Immunization Registry was developed to provide one consistent record in which providers throughout the State can access patient immunization information. Families move, lose their traditional yellow immunization booklets, or visit multiple providers throughout a child's lifetime. 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. Each region feeds its data into the State Immunization Registry. BARR collects and shares immunization-related information from its Bay Area membership for the purpose of increasing vaccination coverage for residents within the Bay Area. Santa Clara County serves as the Bay Area Regional Administrator and just recently approved the JPA being presented today.

Also on January 24, 2006, the Board authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Solano-Napa-Yolo Commission on Medical Care, dba Partnership Health Plan of California (PHC), for the term January 24, 2006

through June 30, 2006 to provide recruitment and training on the immunization registry to HHSA staff and local providers. PHC was awarded a grant from the Napa County Children and Families Commission (First 5) and did some work on recruiting local providers and assisting in the assessments needed to become a BARR user. PHC is sharing their recruitment data/information with HHSA as HHSA implements the BARR system. No local provider is using BARR to date. Participating in BARR is a voluntary process and there is no set number of providers required of counties. However, Napa providers, specially Clinic Ole, are interested in participating in BARR, and HHSA is keeping local providers apprised of developments.

Renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement will allow Napa County to continue as a BARR member agency. Napa County will be responsible for recruiting local providers to participate in the registry, as well as assisting recruited providers in obtaining the compatible computer equipment and training for participation. Napa County will also participate in the Joint Committee of the JPA, consisting of one representative from each of the 12 jurisdictions participating in the JPA, and the Director of Immunization Registry of the County of Santa Clara.

Approval of the revenue agreement with the State will allow the County to receive funding for a portion of one of the Agency's Health Education Specialist positions. The Health Education Specialist will enroll providers in the registry and work with the State to provide reports and feedback as the project continues to be developed and improved throughout the State.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve  
Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita