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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Sonoma County (Website)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sonoma for a maximum of \$1,280 for the term June 1, 2006 through July 30, 2008 for the development of a North Coast Communicable Disease Control Region website.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this Memorandum of Understanding will enable Napa County to work with Sonoma County in developing a regional website on communicable disease and epidemiology, the purpose of which is to centralize information within the North Coast Communicable Disease Control Region, composed of Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino and Napa counties.

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:	The requested action is discretionary in that it is funded by Bioterrorism and Communicable Disease allocations HHSA receives from the State, which can be used for a variety of discretionary activities. Approval of the action will allow the County to participate in the development of a regional communicable disease website. This regional website will serve as an early warning system through which the participating counties can get information on events arising

in the neighboring county(ies), and how the county(ies) is/are managing the outbreak. The other counties (Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma) will each contribute \$1,280 to this project. In addition, Sonoma County will provide the staff time to create and maintain the website.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: The MOU terminates July 30, 2008.

Consequences if not approved: If this MOU is not approved, Napa County will be unable to participate in the development of the North Coast Communicable Disease Control Region's website. Neither will the County be able to benefit from the exchange of information the website will afford.

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

Approval of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sonoma County will allow Napa County to participate in a collaborative effort to build a regional communicable disease website. This website is to be hosted by Sonoma County and will enable the sharing of data related to reportable diseases with surrounding counties (Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma). The data-sharing will enhance communicable disease surveillance and management capabilities through the creation of an enlarged data set, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. The data set will be assembled and utilized by epidemiologists within the region to facilitate the identification and control of outbreaks. Although the MOU is dated June 1, 2006, no services will be provided until the agreement is approved by the Board.

The County of Sonoma is not a health care provider for purposes of HIPAA. This position is taken because there is no use or disclosure of protected health information by or to the vendor under this agreement. Therefore, a Business Associate agreement is not required.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita