



Agenda Date: 8/28/2007
Agenda Placement: 6I

NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following Memoranda of Understanding, each for the term August 28, 2007 through August 27, 2010 for membership in the Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR) Program:

1. L. Kendall Nelsen, M.D.; and
2. Community Health Clinic Ole, Inc.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the Memoranda of Understanding will allow these providers to become members in the Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR) program. The purpose of the BARR program is to have a single statewide immunization database and reduce the number of duplicate immunizations that are administered.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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 California Department of Health Services provided funding to Napa County to implement an electronic immunization records program in relation to the Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR). BARR is an integral component of California's statewide immunization registry network, the Statewide Immunization Information System. Plans are under way to integrate California's regional immunization registries so that information can be exchanged throughout the State. In this manner, the number of duplicate immunizations can be reduced.

Napa County's Public Health is the lead agency in the County to enroll local providers in the BARR electronic database, which includes immunization, tuberculin skin test and patient information. Additionally, Public Health will provide physicians' offices initial training in the use of the system and ongoing support and information with updates from the State. Immunization records for patients whose physicians use the Registry will be available to other health care providers and schools, markedly decreasing the likelihood that lost records will lead to the need for repeat immunizations. The Registry also will provide improved county-wide immunization coverage data for use in assessing service gaps.

Approval of today's requested MOUs will enable Dr. L. Kendall Nelsen, M.D., and Community Health Clinic Ole to participate as members in the BARR program. The advantages for these providers in joining the BARR are: (1) using the BARR database to access information is faster and requires less office space than utilizing paper records in their office/clinic; (2) accessing the BARR is faster than regular mail for obtaining records from other medical offices/clinics; (3) it is easier way to track stock of immunization drugs for recognizing the need to re-order stock; and (4) tracking the stock lot number in the event of an immunization reaction is made easier.

Dr. Nelsen and the Community Health Clinic Ole are not health care providers for purpose of HIPAA. Thus, a Business Associate agreement for these providers is not required.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita