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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director  
Health & Human Services Fiscal

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**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with ConnectHealthcare (Regional HIE System)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 8105 with ConnectHealthcare, Inc. clarifying language to the Compliance with Laws, Equitable Remedies, No Warranties, Termination for Breach, Applicable Laws and Assignment provisions of the Agreement for participation in a regional Health Information Exchange system.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On April 22, 2014, the Board approved a participation agreement with ConnectHealthCare for the Health and Human Services Agency to participate in a regional Health Information Exchange (HIE) system that will allow participants to securely and easily exchange patient information with the goal of increasing care coordination and providing better care for mutual patients and clients. Approval of the recommended action will add clarifying language to the Compliance with Laws, Equitable Remedies, No Warranties, Termination for Breach, Applicable Laws and Assignment provisions of the Agreement. All other provisions will remain the same as originally approved.

### **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**

In June 2012, the County of Napa originally signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ConnectHealth and subsequently signed a Participation Agreement in April, 2014.

The MOU established the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) as a voting member of ConnectHealth for the purpose of planning for the development and/or contracting of regional Health Information Exchange (HIE) services. The vision of ConnectHealth is to create a regional HIE system that will allow participants to securely and easily exchange patient information with the goal of increasing care coordination and providing better care for mutual patients and clients.

Over the past year and a half, ConnectHealth, now known as Connect HealthCare has explored a variety of alternatives for the provision of the HIE services. Connect HealthCare has also grown in size and now includes participants from Napa, Solano, Yolo and Marin counties. Those participants include representatives from healthcare systems and county governments in the four counties.

In late 2013, the Connect HealthCare Board made the decision that it would be more cost effective and quicker to contract with Inland Empire Health Information Exchange (IEHIE) for the provision of HIE services than it would be to develop its own system. IEHIE is a leader of HIE services in California. IEHIE currently provides public and/or private HIE services in San Bernardino and Riverside counties and is now in the implementation stages in Tulare, Fresno, Kings and Madera counties. The services provided by Connect HealthCare through IEHIE will enable HHS to provide coordinated care for clients, analyze community-wide health trends and help the Agency meet the requirements of HealthCare Reform.

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ConnectHealth Care is not a local vendor.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins