



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Health Department Clinic Services Bureau (Health Department) operates ten community clinic sites designated as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) which provide preventive, primary, and specialty medical care services.

Central Coast Health Connect, LLC (CCHC) is a health information organization (HIO), created to oversee and facilitate a HIE, which will mobilize healthcare information electronically across organizations within the Monterey County. CCHC is managed by a Board of Managers and its founding members include Community Health Innovations, LLC (CHI) and Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital (SVMH). CCHC has contracted with CHI to perform day-to-day management of the HIE.

The Board of Supervisor’s first approved the Participation Agreement on September 13, 2016 with a term of September 16, 2016 to June 30, 2018. Amendment Nos. 1 to 3 were executed pursuant to the original board order on July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020, respectively, to extend the term on a year-to-year basis as per contract provisions.

Approval of this request will allow Health Department’s continued participation in the HIE, where clinic staff can securely access and share patient health data with other participating healthcare providers for the purpose of reducing health disparities, improving engagement of patients and families, improving care coordination, population and public health and improving communication between hospitals, clinics and care providers while maintaining privacy and security of patient health information. There is no cost to Health Department for this Participation Agreement.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Initiatives: Ensure

access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. It also supports one or more of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems, and 7. link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed as to form.

FINANCING:

There are no fiscal provisions included as part of this Amendment.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services, promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Approved by:

Date: _____

Elsa Mendoza Jimenez, Director of Health, 755-4526

Attachments:

Amendment No 4 to Participation Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board
Amendment No 3 to Participation Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board
Amendment No 2 to Participation Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board
Amendment No 1 to Participation Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board
Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board

