



## Board Report

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### RECOMMENDATION:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

In 2015 the Institute of Medicine released its report on Vital Signs, Core Metrics which are intended to be a standardized set of health metrics used nationwide. The report provides national measures for each metric, but does not provide specific information on how they can be implemented or used at the local level. The Public Health Institute (PHI) is assessing how feasible it is to collect these metrics at a local level and which measures would be useful for improving local decision making.

PHI is proposing to work with Monterey County Health Department (MCHD) as one of two pilot counties in California. Working in conjunction with already-existing coalitions in each community and building on planning and data activities already underway, their plan is to identify specific measures that can be used in each community with the intent of achieving as much standardization as possible. In addition, each community will identify a small number of additional measures that are of particular concern. The focus is primarily on the healthy communities and engagement measures, but the assessment will include some clinical and cost measures as well.

MCHD will be the convener of various community members to provide more information about population health, the Core Metrics, the project, and to identify additional health concerns not covered by the Core Metrics, and to provide input on a communications tool to drive programs and policies. The project will be oriented to support and augment ongoing efforts around indicator usage.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2011-2015 strategic plan initiatives: 1) Empower the community to improve health through programs, policies, and activities; 2) Enhance health and safety by emphasizing prevention; and 3) Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. It also supports two of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 3) Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues, and 4) Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and Risk Management have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form, fiscal provisions, and insurance requirements. The Monterey County Department of Social Services may be contacted for an interview as part of the project.

FINANCING:

There are sufficient appropriations in the Health Department's FY 2016-2017 Adopted Budget (4000-HEA014-8438), to accommodate this request.

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Attachments:

Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board