



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

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August 26, 2025

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Current Status: Health Department -
Consent

Version: 1

Matter Type: BoS Agreement

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- b. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Health Services to accept modifications to indemnification provisions of the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

The County of Monterey Health Department’s Clinic Services Bureau (Health Department) operates ten community clinic sites designated as Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), which provide preventive, primary, and specialty medical care services.

The Health Department has the ability to provide a learning environment in the clinic for students who require practical field experience education, while also increasing potential to attract future job candidates to the Health Department workforce. This Agreement with Sonoma State University is based on the Board-approved Student Placement Agreement template that was approved by the Board on May 4, 2021, and provides the County of Monterey with standards of policy, procedures, and best practices for student placement.

Although the Health Department is requesting modifications to the indemnification provisions to this Agreement, it continues to be the goal of the Health Department to use the template pre-approved by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for each participating university and/or college to help streamline administrative processing and reduce timeline for execution.

While this work is not directly in support of a Health Department strategic initiative, it is in support of one of one or more of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 4.

Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems; and 8.
Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The office of County Counsel has reviewed the Agreement as to form. Risk Management has reviewed as to risk provisions.

FINANCING:

There are no fiscal provisions included in this Agreement.

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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Attachment:

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Student Placement Agreement