

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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 Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No:
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Department: Health Services

4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
9/29/2009

Deadline for Board Action:
9/29/2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR) and California Immunization Registry (CAIR).

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute the BARR amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement.

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute Standard Agreement No. 09-11321 with the California Department of Public Health for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and future amendments that do not significantly change program content (\$1,032,957).

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the FY 09-10 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund- Department of Health Services in the amount of \$881,394 (requires 4/5 vote).

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute an Agreement with Public Health Foundation Enterprises to act as fiscal agent on behalf of the Bay Area Regional Registry and administer funds in the amount of \$801,844, subject to further review and approval by County Counsel.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$1,026,957	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$0
Amount Budgeted	\$145,563	Unanticipated Revenue (Source: State BARR Agreement)	\$881,394
Other Available Appropriations (Explain Below)	\$0	Other Transfers (Source:)	\$0
Additional Requested	\$881,394	Additional Funds Requested	\$881,394

Explanation (if required): The FY 09-10 Final Budget includes \$145,563 for BARR funding. Additional State grant funds of \$881,394 are being appropriated. The California Department of Public Health reduced the FY 09-10 allocation by \$6,000, however the agreement has not been amended to reflect this reduction.

Prior Board Action: 2/24/09 – Approved BARR Standard Agreement No. 08-85375.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to actively support regional immunization systems in accordance with Centers for Disease Control guidelines.

Background:

Sonoma County is one of thirteen jurisdictions that comprise the Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR). BARR is one of California’s ten regional registries, and is currently engaged in consolidation activities to transition from the Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). Recently Sonoma County was designated as the new lead agency, which is reflected in the amended and restated JPA.

As the lead agency, Sonoma County will receive \$1,026,957 from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Immunization Branch. The Department of Health Services (Department) requests authority to execute the CDPH Agreement. Under this Agreement, CDPH will begin linking all regional databases to a State Immunization Registry. Scheduled for the weekend of October 31, 2009, the transition of the BARR database to the State server will accomplish the final regional link with the State registry.

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is a collaborative effort involving regional immunization registry services, local health departments, the California Department of Public Health Immunization Branch and a spectrum of key stakeholders across the state. The goal of CAIR is to improve immunization rates for all California children through an innovative public-private partnership. CAIR is developing an integrated, secure, readily-accessible statewide network of computerized immunization information systems to make each child’s full immunization history available to providers and other authorized users, such as schools, foster care, and juvenile detention centers. The registry ensures that users have rapid access to complete and up-to-date immunization records, expert vaccine forecasting, and has the capability to notify parents, patients and/or providers concerning vaccinations that are due. A major objective is to eliminate both missed opportunities to immunize and unnecessary duplicate immunizations.

The BARR Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) identifies Santa Clara County as the lead agency. As such Santa Clara has provided operational and technical functions for BARR. The Department requests authority to execute an amended and restated JPA that facilitates several changes including:

1. Identification of Sonoma County as the Lead Agency to BARR.
2. Establishment of the position of the BARR Regional Manager.
3. Relocation of the BARR Help Desk from Santa Clara County to Sonoma County.
4. Relocation of the BARR database from Santa Clara County to State servers.

As the Lead Agency for BARR, the Department requests authority to execute a contract with Public Health Foundation Enterprises (PHFE) to provide comprehensive support services, subject to further review and approval by County Counsel. BARR selected PHFE, a nonprofit organization, based on its experience providing personnel, financial support, and various other services to over 300 programs at all levels of California government. PHFE staff will recruit and train new providers, assist providers with electronic data submission and exchange, provide help desk support, and conduct quality assurance activities on behalf of BARR.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Health Services FY 09-10 Final Budget includes \$145,563 for BARR funding. Additional State grant funds of \$881,394 are being appropriated upon Board approval. The California Department of Public Health reduced the FY 09-10 allocation by \$6,000, however the agreement has not been amended to reflect this reduction. There is no contribution from the General Fund or use or Realignment.

Attachments: Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment in the amount of \$881,394.

On File With Clerk: BARR Joint Powers Agreement; Standard Agreement #09-11321; Draft Public Health Foundation Enterprises contract.

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Board Action (If other than “Requested”)

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