

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Public Health**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Robert L. Oldham M.D., M.S.H.A, Director of Public Health

DATE: September 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Contract with the County of Sacramento for Epidemiology Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a contract with the County of Sacramento for Epidemiology Services not to exceed \$85,172 for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the contract amount, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work. Funding is provided by Federal and State Preparedness funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Health Division is required, under the California Code of Regulations, Title 17 (Section 2500), to receive mandated reports of more than 80 diseases or conditions from public health professionals, medical providers, and select other agencies throughout Placer County. To prevent and control the spread of reported infectious diseases, Communicable Disease Program (CD) staff investigates and follow-up on certain cases and close contacts associated with them who may also be at risk of acquiring and/or transmitting disease. Education is provided to impacted individuals and surveillance duties are conducted to reduce the impact and spread of communicable disease.

A key staffing position utilized statewide and nationally to support CD Programs is an Epidemiologist. This is a public health professional who investigates causes of disease, identifies people who are at risk, determines how to control or stop the spread, or prevents it from happening again. Placer County does not currently have an Epidemiologist on staff. This contract between the Placer County Health and Human Services and Sacramento County allows a contracted Epidemiologist from Sacramento County to work with the Placer County Public Health Officer and his/her designee to plan and conduct surveillance to determine patterns of disease and general health conditions in the community; design survey instruments; design and build databases; analyze collected data and interpret results; make recommendations for the control and prevention of disease; and perform related duties as assigned.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This purchase is funded 100% by Federal and State Preparedness funding. No county General Fund match is required. This expenditure of \$85,172 was included in the Department's FY 2015-2016 Proposed Budget.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

