



M E M O R A N D U M
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: July 27, 2021

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Nevada County Temporary Health Officer Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a non-monetary agreement with Nevada County for Temporary Health Officer coverage for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §101000, California counties are required to retain a licensed physician as the County Health Officer, to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Under the direction of the Director of Health and Human Services, the County Health Officer has the responsibility for enforcing local health ordinances and state regulations and statutes related to public health. The County Health Officer is also responsible for providing public health leadership in the community, responding to public health emergencies, informing the Board of Supervisors of community health issues, and acting as the point of contact for community leaders who are seeking expert advice and opinion on medical and public health issues. The Placer County Health Officer is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in order to respond to any incident or outbreak of illness that may pose a public health risk.

There are times when the Health Officer may be unavailable due to vacation, public health conferences, and trainings out of the area. As Health Officer duties include enforcement of orders and ordinances of the Board of Supervisors pertaining to public health matters, quarantines, and other regulations, delegation of authority to a Health Officer to provide temporary coverage is requested.

Placer County has had Health Officer cross coverage arrangements with Nevada County and Sacramento County for several years and these arrangements have proven to be mutually beneficial. Renewal of this MOU will provide for reciprocal Temporary County Health Officer coverage for both Placer County and Nevada County. In the event the County Health Officer from either county is unavailable or out of the area, the County Health Officer from the other county would provide coverage as detailed in the MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval and execution of this MOU. Each Health Officer will cover the other during vacations and other periods of unavailability.

A copy of the agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.