



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** May 10, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Data Sharing and Use Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an evergreen agreement with the Centers for Disease Control for National Syndromic Surveillance Program's BioSense Platform access and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Syndromic surveillance is a collaborative effort between local and state health departments, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and other partners that provides public health officials with a timely system for detecting, understanding, and monitoring health events. Syndromic data is deidentified and can serve as an early warning system for public health concerns and has been used in response to flu outbreaks, opioid overdoses, e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury, Zika virus infection, and natural disasters, among other concerns.

The CDC's National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) brings together the CDC, federal partners, local and state health departments, and academic and private sector partners who have formed a community of practice to use data for community health planning purposes. Additionally, the NSSP provides access to and use of the cloud-based BioSense Platform, a secure integrated electronic health information system with standardized analytic tools and processes. This allows the more than 6,000 public health practitioners contributing data to use these timely and actionable data to detect, characterize, monitor, and respond to events of public health concern. While the agreement allows for Placer County Health and Human Services, Public Health Division to input data into the platform, the action requested accepts the agreement, however it does so with the understanding that Placer County will not be inputting data and will only use the platform to download de-identifiable data.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this agreement, as is a no cost agreement and there are no ongoing costs for licensure or maintenance of this platform.

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ATTACHMENTS

None

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