



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
Date: June 9, 2015

Subject: Agreement #28-815-8 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute, on behalf of the County, Agreement #28-815-8 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. to pay the County an amount not to exceed \$45,250, for the Public Health Laboratory Influenza Surveillance Project, for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Agreement is funded 100% by a Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. for the Influenza Surveillance Project through the Public Health Laboratory. No County match required.

**BACKGROUND:**

During a pandemic alert, the most important role of surveillance is to identify the timing, location, and the extent of the novel influenza strain infection in order to guide implementation of outbreak control and other response activities. Influenza is not currently a reportable disease in California because of the large number of cases that occur each year with a non-specific clinical presentation and no routine laboratory confirmation.

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/09/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 9, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Wendel Brunner, M.D.,  
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### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

and timely surveillance is critical for early detection, identification and monitoring of disease progression in a community. The data supplied by Public Health Laboratory surveillance systems supports implementation of control measures such as restricting travel, closing schools and canceling public gatherings, initiating antiviral and vaccine usage in defined target groups, activating surge plans, assessing the impact of a pandemic on the healthcare system, and assessing the social and economic impact on society. The goals of influenza disease surveillance in Contra Costa County are to: (1) serve as an early warning system to detect increases in influenza-like illnesses (ILI) (2) to track trends in influenza disease activity by monitoring the impact of the pandemic on health (e.g., by tracking hospitalizations and deaths), and (3) to identify populations that are severely affected. The Public Health Laboratory has the capacity to conduct requested testing. On April 29, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement #28-815-6 (as amended by #28-815-7) with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., for the period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Approval of Agreement #28-815-8 will allow the County to be paid on a fee for service basis for continuous laboratory microbiological testing services, including, but not limited to, employee cost, courier services, office supplies, and material cost utilized in the testing, through December 31, 2015, including mutual indemnification to hold harmless both parties for any claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, The County will not receive funding to continue laboratory microbiological testing services, including, but not limited to, employee cost, courier services, office supplies, and material cost utilized for the testing.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.