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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: December 8, 2020  
Subject: Purchase Order with Qiagen, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent to execute, on behalf of Health Services Department, a blanket Purchase Order with Qiagen, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to purchase QuantiFERON collection blood tubes, reagents and test kits for the period of December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2024.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% funding is included in the Hospital Enterprise Fund I budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

Qiagen Inc. has been used by the Health Services Department for over ten (10) years. Qiagen provides the reagents required for use with testing instruments in our Public Health Laboratory. The reagents are necessary for specimens to be tested for tuberculosis, both active and latent infections. The QuantiFERON test is a specific blood test that detects TB antigen in the blood of patients who have been exposed to the tuberculosis organism. A positive test would alert the provider to provide treatment and alleviate disease in later

☒ APPROVE

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☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/08/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
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: December 8, 2020

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

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years. Qiagen also produces extraction kits for SARS-CoV-2 which are used at the Public health Laboratory.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this purchase order is not approved, the health care system would not be able to detect TB antigen in those patients who have been exposed, resulting in higher health care cost when they develop disease in later years. The tests would then need to be conducted by outside labs at a greater cost to the County. Public Heath Lab also uses the reagents purchased from Qiagen to conduct similar testing for the Chevron Corporation which generates revenue for the Lab. Without the reagents we would not be able to conduct these tests.