RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Recommend Information regarding preparations for the return of H1N1 Influenza and Resolution authorizing Health Officer as Mariposa County’s Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MOHAC). Recommend resolution authorizing Health Officer to expend up to Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) to prepare for flu pandemic with details to be addressed at budget preparation.

This designation will allow the Health Officer to request medical assistance from outside the County whenever the need should arise through the California Emergency Management Agency structure.

The Health Department continues to plan for a flu pandemic fine tuning its long standing pan flu plan with the lessons learned during May’s H1N1 Swine Flu outbreak.

Having the MOHAC designation in place will prevent any confusion or conflict when emergencies should arise.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ 0
Additional Funding Needed: $ N/A
Source: To be determined
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds 4/5’s vote
Contingency 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

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CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 0343
Vote – Ayes: 5 Noes: 0
Absent: 0

( ) Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: __________
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ______________________

Revised Dec. 2002
June 25, 2009

TO:    Members, Board of Supervisors

FROM:  Charles B. Mosher, MD, MPH, Health Officer

RE:    Novel H1N1

The Novel H1N1 (previously called “Swine Flu”) has not disappeared. While it moves through the Southern Hemisphere where it is now winter, it is simultaneously causing new cases and even deaths here in the United States and California.

There are a number of indicators we are watching to gauge the disease’s severity. The announcement at the end of May was that it had proven “no worse than Seasonal Flu”, may not accurately predict its behavior this coming flu season.

We are working diligently on preparations. We have met with the hospital, the press, Yosemite National Park, ambulance provider, Kiwanis, day care providers, and others. More collaborative meetings are scheduled.

In case our County has needs beyond our abilities, the Health Officer, functioning as the Medical Health Operations Area Coordinator (MOHAC) will request these. It is wise to approve that role now, rather than waiting until things get chaotic.

/cf
TO: Dr. MOSHER, Health Officer
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Present Information Regarding Preparations for the Return of H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) and Adopt a Resolution Designating the Health Officer as Mariposa County’s Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MOHAC); and Authorize the Health Officer to Expend up to $30,000 to Prepare for Flu Pandemic with Details to be Addressed at Budget Preparation

RESOLUTION 09-348

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on July 14, 2009

ACTION AND VOTE:

Dr. Mosher, Health Officer;
Present Information Regarding Preparations for the Return of H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) and Adopt a Resolution Designating the Health Officer as Mariposa County’s Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MOHAC); and Authorize the Health Officer to Expend up to $30,000 to Prepare for Flu Pandemic with Details to be Addressed at Budget Preparation

BOARD ACTION: Dr. Mosher presented a status report and advised that the flu is now being called Pandemic H1N1, and further advised that we may have the first case in Mariposa County. Discussion was held.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Dick Hutchinson stated he likes the idea of hand sanitizer dispensers, and he encouraged that they be used throughout the County.

(M)Bibby, (S)Cann, Res. 09-348 was adopted designating the Health Officer as the MOHAC and authorizing the expenditure of up to $30,000 as requested, with the budget to be coordinated with the County Administrative Officer/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: File