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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-453**

MEETING: September 22, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert Ryder, Health Officer

RE: Agreement with CDC for the Public Health Associate Program

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve the Agreement to Detail Federal Civil Service Personnel Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) to State, Tribal, Local, or Territorial Host Agency with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the PHAP; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement. This program will fully fund a PHAP Associate for two years to assist the County's Health Department in developing, implementing, and evaluating public health programs, and in carrying out disease prevention, health promotion and protection, and other public health activities.

The PHAP is designed to identify future public health professionals with a recent Bachelor's or Master's Degree and an interest in public service and public health. Throughout the two-year training program, Associates gain hands-on experience that will serve as a foundation for their public health careers. PHAP is managed by CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. CDC will be responsible for all salary, health insurance, workman's compensation, and related expenses of the PHAP Associate.

The PHAP was founded in 2007 as a pilot program to support CDC's front-line public health focus and to meet the need for a continual source of field-tested, experienced, and dedicated public health professionals. Currently, PHAP has more than 250 Associates fulfilling hands-on workforce needs in public health agencies across 41 States, two Territories, and the District of Columbia.

A total of 21 PHAP assignees currently work in the more than ten California counties including:

- San Joaquin County Public Health Services
- Los Angeles County Public Health Department
- Placer County Health & Human Services Department
- Orange County Health Care Agency / Public Health
- Kern County Public Health Services Department
- Fresno County Department of Public Health
- San Luis Obispo County Health Department

On August 18, 2015, the Health Department received an e-mail from CDC stating: our application PHAP20150130 has been matched with the 2015 PHAP Associate for 2015-2017. The name of the PHAP Associate is Kathryn Norman and her report to duty date is October 5, 2015.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

On January 20, 2015, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Health Officer to apply for CDC's Public Health Associate Program with Board Resolution #2015-37.

This is the first time the County has participated in this program.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not approve the Agreement and forego the opportunity for the County's Health Department to host a CDC Associate.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**There will be minimal overhead costs -- use of telephone, computer, office supplies, etc, that are already included in the Health Department's operating budget.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**CDC Agreement (RTF)**

**E-mail - 2015 PHAP Host Site Match (PDF)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended



Mary Hoelson, CAO

9/16/2015

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** John Carrier, District V Supervisor

**AYES:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, John Carrier

**EXCUSED:** Kevin Cann