RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-550

MEETING: October 18, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Eric Sergienko, Health Officer

RE: Patagonia Health Agreement for Electronic Health Record System

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Five-Year Patagonia Health Sales Agreement for an Electronic Health Record (HER) System, in the Amount of $96,421 and Authorize the Health Officer to Sign the Agreement; Approve Budget Action Transferring Funds Within the Health Budget to Accommodate the Agreement ($15,000).

Patagonia Health is a healthcare supplier of a modern cloud and apps-based HER software serving Public Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and Community Health Centers (CHC), as well as Behavioral Health agencies and private practices. Our product is a federally certified, complete HER Practice Management and billing software.

Obtaining the HER will propel the Health Department with the Public Health Accreditation process. The Patagonia Health Inc. HER is a "Meaningful Use" certified System. Meaningful Use is the use of certified HER technology in a meaningful manner (for example electronic prescribing); ensuring that the certified HER technology is connected in a manner that provides for the electronic exchange of health information to improve the quality of care; and on using certified HER technology the provider may submit to information on quality of care to the Secretary of Health & Human Services. The concept of meaningful use rest on the '5 pillars' of health outcomes policy priorities, namely:

-Improving quality, safety, efficiency, and reducing health disparities
-Engage patients and families in their health
-Improve care coordination
-Improve population and public health
-Ensure adequate privacy and security protection for personal health information

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has indicated a desire to pursue accreditation for the Health Department.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. Do not approve the Agreement.
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2. Mariposa County Health Department will not receive the eligible provider incentive, which can be up to $20,000, if the HER system is not up and running by December 31, 2016.
3. Mariposa County Health Department could be fined 1% of our Medi-Cal billing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Current Fiscal Year Cost: $44,750, Annual Recurring Cost: $13,000, Additional Funding Needed: $15,000. Budget Action to transfer adequate funds for salary saving due to Health Officer vacancy. Amount budgeted was $35,000, however, the cost for Electronic Health Record (EHR) is estimated to be $50,000. The EHR is a required component of the accreditation process with no change to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Mariposa County Health Department California Sales Agreement ver 1.1 30Sept16 (PDF)
Exhibit A Price Quote Patagonia Health (PDF)
Budget Action Form (PDF)
Patagonia Health Executive Summary 30Sept16 (PDF)
CDC Introduction on Meaningful Use (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble, Deputy CAO 10/13/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann
EXCUSED: John Carrier
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**TOTALS** 15,000 15,000

**ACTION REQUESTED:** (Check all that apply)

( ) Budget appropriation by Board of Supervisors (4/5ths Vote Required): Amending the total amount available in the county budget, or in any one fund of the budget, or transferring appropriation from contingencies

( X ) Transfer by Board of Supervisors (3/5ths Vote Required): Moving existing appropriations from one budget to another, or between categories within a budget unit.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Transfer to facilitate adequate funding for EMR (Electronic Medical Records) for FY16/17.

Transfer is requested utilizing Health Officer salary savings due to vacancy from 7/1/2016 - 8/15/2016. $35,000 was budgeted as a rough estimate, however cost is now estimated at approx $50,000. The EMR is a required component of the accreditation process with no change to general contingency.

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**APPROVED BY RES NO.** 16-550  
**CLERK** 
**DATE** 10-19-16

**DEPARTMENT** Eric Sergienko, Health Officer

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