

DEPARTMENT: Public Health      BY: C. B. Mosher, MD, Health Officer      PHONE: 966-3689

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes\_\_\_ No\_x\_\_)

Recommend resolution authorizing Chairman to sign the "Declaration of Intent" to contract with Department of Health Services for Public Health Services for FY 1998-1999.

For all the years since realignment, DHS through its office in Local Public Health Services, has remained "at risk" to cover the costs incurred by all 11 counties (including Mariposa County) should realignment revenue experience a shortfall. We learned just this spring from DHS that, in fact, there has been a significant shortfall ever since the inception of realignment in this program area. In the past, DHS has always covered this shortfall at State expense through the Local Public Health Services Program. This year, the shortfall for funding these contracts to the 11 small rural counties was \$962,051.

There was consternation and anxiety, but in the end, it was the position of those of us who administer these programs locally, that it is the responsibility of DHS to cover that shortfall since it was their original calculations that set up the realignment formula and since they had always promised, under contract, to be "at risk" for shortfall. The status at present is that DHS will cover the shortfall for the remainder of the current fiscal year and next fiscal year as well. Meanwhile, they will be working with the Legislature to try to solve the shortfall problem which, as stated above, is held by us in the rural counties to be the responsibility of DHS.

The Health Officer believes it is still in the best interest of the County to continue contracting for public health services through FY 1998-1999 for these reasons: (1) Sudden disruption of personnel is not in the County's best interest; (2) State remains "at risk" for costs above revenue shortfall; (3) Laboratory services are covered at no cost to the County; (4) The bulk of the liability remains with the State; and (5) The Board can terminate the contract with 120 days' notice.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board has signed the "Declaration of Intent" and contracted for these services for many years with good results.

**LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not declare to contract with DHS; begin attempting to recruit County staff immediately.

**COSTS:** ( ) Not Applicable

A. Budgeted current FY	\$ 253,492
B. Total anticipated costs	\$ 253,492
C. Required additional funding	\$ 0
D. Internal transfers	\$

**SOURCE:** ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues	\$
B. Reserve for contingencies	\$
C. Source description:	

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies,  
if approved: \$

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

List the attachments and number  
the pages consecutively:

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**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No.: 98-236 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved ( ) Denied ( )  
 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

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

This item on agenda as:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- For Policy Determination
- Submitted with Comment
- Returned for Further Action

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

A.O. Initials: gr