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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Board Agenda Memo** 

**MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jill Blake

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between

Nevada County and California Government Operations Agency to provide for the vaccination of Californians in order to mitigate the continued spread

of COVID-19.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A.

**BACKGROUND:** In an effort to ensure an equitable, efficient and safe distribution of COVID vaccines to all Californians, the State of California has contracted with a Third Party Administrator (TPA), Blue Shield of California, to create, manage and oversee a statewide network of vaccine providers. The State has asked the TPA to play a role in creating a single functional, effective and equitable vaccine distribution system across the State. The TPA is charged with helping to ensure a coordinated vaccine delivery effort that prioritizes safety, equity and efficiency in getting vaccines to Californians. All non-county vaccinators in the State will be required to sign an Agreement with the TPA, and counties that are directly administering the vaccine are being asked to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State.

The MOU reflects counties' preference to enter in an agreement with the State versus with the TPA. The Nevada County Public Health Department has been directly administering COVID-19 vaccine and hopes to continue doing so. This MOU must be executed in order to ensure that counties may continue administering vaccine as a health care provider and signing this MOU will allow NCPHD to remain a critical part of a local vaccination network.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health