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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 19, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the renewal contract with Kenneth Cutler, M.D. pertaining to serving as the Public Health Officer and Registrar for the County of Nevada in the maximum amount of $221,450 for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by state/federal dollars for Public Health administration, primarily Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) and Public Health Realignment. Services are within the department's FY 2018/19 budget, and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Supervisors of each county is required to appoint a physician that is in good standing and meets the qualifications of a county health officer as set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 101005 to serve as the County's "Health Officer". Under this renewal agreement, Dr. Cutler will continue to provide services as the County's Public Health Officer and Registrar. Dr. Cutler will be available for services such as:

- Consultation to department PHNs (Public Health Nurses) and private providers regarding diagnosis, treatment, source investigation, reporting, response and management of TB and other communicable disease cases. Management of communicable disease outbreaks in the community.
- Attendance at various training sessions pertinent to communicable disease control, emergency preparedness and other public health program areas.
- Provision of clinical services for TB patients, consisting of new patient evaluations, development of medication schedule and treatment plans, prescription of medicines and on-going monitoring of patients.

- Consultation and assistance to the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator on urgent issues. Response as Public Health Officer during a declared incident or emergency including, as appropriate, declaration of a Public Health Emergency.
- Consultation with Truckee reproductive health clinic staff for urgent cases.
- Answering of media disease-related questions.
- Support and oversight to the Vital Registration Unit including answering questions regarding causes of death.
- Consultation to the Environmental Health Department in the event of a hazardous waste spill or other environmental health threat.
- Consultation with Animal Control regarding rabies questions and other potential zoonoses.
- Support to the Chronic Disease Prevention Programs.

The attached Resolution, if adopted, will help ensure that a qualified physician continues to be available to address a wide array of public health issues including unforeseen infectious disease outbreaks and responses to local emergency events on behalf of Nevada County.

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