REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

December 3, 2024

FROM

JOSHUA DUGAS, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT

Revenue Agreement with Trona Joint Unified School District for School Nursing Services

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve a revenue **Agreement No. 24-1164** with Trona Joint Unified School District, including non-standard terms, for the Department of Public Health to provide school nursing services, in an aggregate amount estimated to be \$11,000, for the period of December 4, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

(Presenter: Joshua Dugas, Director, 387-9146)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Department of Public Health (DPH) will receive revenue in an amount estimated to be \$11,000, for the period of December 4, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for health screening services provided to Trona Joint Unified School District (District). Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in DPH's 2024-25 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

California Education Code sections 49452 et seq. requires that students in public schools receive health screening services to identify health conditions that can affect their learning and progress. DPH has been providing nursing services in schools for more than 45 years, including nursing consultations and screenings for hearing, vision, and scoliosis. Nursing services also include referrals and follow-up services based on screening results and, when otherwise unavailable, consultations and educational services for disease control and immunization concerns. Historically, DPH has provided nursing services for school districts that do not employ their own nurses.

Under the terms of the revenue agreement, DPH will perform health screenings and invoice for these services based on the number of students assessed. The District will pay DPH for assessments and services provided on a fee-for-services basis, in an amount estimated to be \$11,000 in revenue.

The agreement contains non-standard terms that require approval by the Board of Supervisors (Board) per County Policy 11-05. The non-standard terms include the following:

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- 1. The County is required to indemnify the District against third party claims.
 - The County standard contract does not include any indemnification or defense by the County of a contractor.
 - <u>Potential Impact</u>: By agreeing to indemnify the District, the County could be contractually waiving the protection of sovereign immunity. Claims that may otherwise be barred against the County, time limited, or expense limited could be brought against the District without such limitations and the County would be responsible to defend and reimburse the District for costs, expenses, and damages, which could exceed the total agreement amount.
- 2. The agreement does not require the District to meet the County's insurance standards as required pursuant to County Policy 11-07.
 - The County Policy requires contractors to carry appropriate insurance at limits and under conditions determined by the County's Risk Management Department and set forth in the County standard contract.
 - <u>Potential Impact</u>: The agreement does not include County standard insurance requirements. The District is a self-insured entity, requiring the County to rely on the District's assurance that it will be financially responsible for claims that may arise through the term of the agreement, potentially resulting in expenses to the County that exceed the total agreement amount.

DPH recommends approval of the agreement, including the non-standard terms, so that the required services and screenings can be provided to the students within the District. DPH will not provide services until the agreement has been fully executed.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on November 14, 2024; Risk Management (Gregory Ustaszewski, Staff Analyst, 386-9008) on November 8, 2024; Finance (Iliana Rodriguez, Administrative Analyst, 387-4205) on November 13, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on November 14, 2024.

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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr. Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: December 3, 2024



cc: Public Health - Correra w/agree

Contractor - c/o Public Health w/agree

File - w/agree

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