



San Bernardino County

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

November 17, 2020

FROM

WILLIAM L. GILBERT, Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT

Memorandum of Understanding 2020-2021 with the Community Health Association Inland Southern Region Membership

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve Memorandum of Understanding 2020-21 with Community Health Association Inland Southern Region Membership.

(Presenter: William L. Gilbert, Director, 580-6150)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Association Inland Southern Region will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as this recommended affiliation is non-financial in nature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Community Health Association Inland Southern Region ("CHAISR") provides support for community-based health centers and clinics located throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The Community Health Association Inland Southern Region was founded in 2009, incorporated in 2010, and designated a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2011. Safety Net hospitals (SNHs) are types of medical centers in the United States that by legal obligation or mission provides healthcare for individuals regardless of their insurance status. This legal mandate forces SNHs to serve all populations. Such hospitals typically service a higher number of uninsured, Medicaid, Medicare, Children's Health Insurance (CHIP), low-income, and other vulnerable individuals than their "non-safety net hospital" counterparts. The non-profit association supports SNHs, community health centers and clinics in the Inland Southern Region. The Association provides advocacy, public policy promotion and education, as well as resources and networking opportunities for 19 organizations in the membership which represent 105 community-based health centers and clinics throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. In 2019, member health centers and clinics reported 1,730,298 annual patient visits, serving 465,486 unduplicated patients across the Inland Southern Region. Participation in this Memorandum of Understanding will result in Arrowhead Regional Medical Center becoming a member of the organization and will support advocacy efforts including community partnership development, training and education, grant seeking, and developing working groups aimed at meeting the health and social services needs of all County residents regardless of their insurance status or their ability to pay.

The recommended Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) sets forth the terms and conditions of ARMC’s membership in CHAISR, including the respective responsibilities of ARMC and CHAISR. Upon the complete execution of the MOU, it will continue indefinitely unless terminated by either party with a 60 days advance written notice.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Phan, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on October 5, 2020; ARMC Finance (Chen Wu, Finance Budget Officer, 580-3165) on October 6, 2020; Finance (Yael Verduzco, Administrative Analyst, 387-5285) on October 28, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Matthew Erickson, County Chief Financial Officer, 387-5423) on November 1, 2020.