

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

June 27, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the County Purchasing Agent or Designee to Sign, the Agreement for Health Officer/Medical Director of the Public Health Department with Robert M. Levin, M.D., Commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and Up to One Additional Year Thereafter, for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$334,500 per Year.

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the County Purchasing Agent or designee to sign the agreement for Health Officer/Medical Director of the Public Health Department with Robert M. Levin, M.D. (Exhibit 1) for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and up to one additional year thereafter, for an amount not to exceed \$334,500 per year.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: Yes

Source of Funding: Realignment and Various State Contracts

Funding Match Required: None

Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenues and Costs:	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue:	\$ 334,500	\$ 334,500
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 334,500	\$ 334,500
Indirect-Dept.	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Indirect-County CAP	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Net Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Discussion:

Robert M. Levin, M.D. has served as the Health Officer and Medical Director of the Ventura County Public Health Department since March 1, 1998. Dr. Levin's current contract will expire at the end of June 2023.

The proposed new contract before your Board will continue his services commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and up to one additional year thereafter.

As Health Officer, Dr. Levin is primarily responsible for the enforcement of local health orders, ordinances, and state health laws and regulations. The Health Officer is also the consulting medical officer for the Environmental Health Division, Agriculture Commissioner, Animal Services, and other agencies including the Board of Supervisors. In carrying out such responsibilities, the Health Officer is charged with community health surveillance, assessment, and reporting. In addition, the Health Officer serves as the Medical Director of the Public Health Department and provides medical oversight and consultation to programs and services of the Public Health Department, including Children's Medical Services and Maternal Child Adolescent Health programs. This includes setting medical policy and quality of care standards, as well as providing direct clinical services in the area of communicable disease and pediatrics.

Dr. Levin's medical background is in pediatrics and infectious diseases. During his tenure, the County of Ventura successfully responded to several outbreaks, including norovirus, salmonella and measles and pandemics such as H1N1 and COVID-19. He was also instrumental in the Public Health Department's successful efforts to be the first public health department to be accredited in California in 2014.

Dr. Levin has been compensated at the rate of \$299,289 per annum for the past three (3) years. With the approval of this contract, Dr. Levin's new total annual compensation will be \$332,000. Dr. Levin will continue to be reimbursed for conference and training related expenses, up to a maximum of \$2,500, for an annual contract not to exceed amount of \$334,500. The other material provisions of Dr. Levin's existing contract will be unchanged.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, County Executive Office, and the General Services Agency-Procurement Services. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Rigoberto Vargas at (805) 981-5101.



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Exhibit 1 - Agreement for Robert Levin, M.D.