

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 Communicable Disease Services with Wallace Baker, M.D., Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and Up to Two Additional Periods of One Year Each, for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$60,000 Per Year.

Recommendation:

Approve and authorize the County Purchasing Agent or designee to sign the agreement for communicable disease services with Wallace Baker, M.D. (Exhibit 1) for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and up to two additional periods of one year each, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per year.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: Yes
Source of Funding: Federal/State/County
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:	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Indirect-Dept.	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Indirect-County CAP	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Net Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Discussion:

Wallace Baker, M.D. has served as the Public Health Department's Tuberculosis Controller Physician since August 1, 2020. Dr. Baker's current contract will expire at the end of June 2023. Among other duties, the Tuberculosis Controller Physician assists in the development of policies and procedures for the control of tuberculosis (TB) and other communicable diseases and provides medical oversight, consultation, and direction during outbreak investigations.

The proposed new contract before your Board will continue Dr. Baker's services effective as of July 1, 2023 for an initial period of 12 months, through June 30, 2024. Then, unless either party provides written notice of its intent not to renew at least 30 days prior to the annual renewal date and subject to receipt of all necessary budgetary approvals by your Board, this agreement shall then be extended for up to two additional periods of one year each.

Dr. Baker received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Penn State University, graduated with honors with a Doctor of Medicine degree from Temple University School of Medicine in Pennsylvania, and completed a medical residency at Ventura County Medical Center VCMC. Dr. Baker is currently a Clinic Medical Director at the VCMC Academic Family Medicine Center and the Global Health Director for the VCMC Family Medicine Residency program.

Dr. Baker brings many valuable skills needed to protect those living in our communities from Tuberculosis (TB). He has done extensive work with TB in international settings while working in many TB endemic countries.

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 Wallace Baker, M.D.