



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 17, 2013

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry *CH* *for*
County Administrator

Re: **Board of Supervisors Consent Calendar, April 16, 2013, Item Number 5 (Health).
Arizona Department of Health Services, to provide immunization services,
Federal Fund, contract amount revenue based on services. (CTN-HD-13*270)**

On Tuesday, April 16, 2013 the Board of Supervisors continued Consent Calendar Item Number 5 (Health). Arizona Department of Health Services, to provide immunization services, Federal Fund, contract amount revenue based on services. (CTN-HD-13*270) pending the receipt of additional contract information and terms.

Background

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Arizona Immunization Program Office (AIPO), has contracted with County Health Departments since 1993 to provide immunization-related services. The proposed contract and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) before the Board of Supervisors allows ADHS to contract with Pima County to provide services made available in Arizona with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Under the Immunizations Services Grant program, a total of \$300 million will be made available to ensure more underserved Americans receive the vaccines they need, with the majority of the funding to be used to purchase vaccines. The funds are distributed through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Section 317 immunization program to all 50 states, several large cities, and U.S. territories.

The proposed contract and IGA allows ADHS to contract with Pima County for the provision of services under the Immunizations Services Grant. The Pima County Health Department will provide specified immunizations to any child under the age of 18 at no cost, and will provide vaccine preventable disease surveillance, prevention outbreak control services, immunization information/education, and immunization assessment in accordance

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with state statutes. The objective of the grant is to enhance program stewardship and accountability for all publically-purchased vaccine and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

The IGA delineates twenty-two (22) specific tasks that shall be undertaken by the Pima County Health Department. In addition to providing immunizations, these include the development of a plan to ensure that immunization coverage levels in Pima County's populations improve, activities to ensure that the spread of Hepatitis B virus from mother to newborn is prevented, efforts to educate and inform healthcare providers and the public about immunization related issues, the drafting of Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) and Pandemic Preparedness programs, and the requirement that the Pima County Health Department assess and validate immunization levels at licensed childcare facilities.

The IGA establishes fees for specific services. In addition to a flat fee of \$50,000 paid to the County, unit rates are established for immunizations, reporting and assessment. Because much of the payment is based on actual utilization, aggregate revenues are difficult to project.

Contract Term

If approved, the proposed Contract will be retroactive to January 1, 2013 and is for a period of five (5) years, through December 31, 2017. Either party may terminate the Contract at any time with thirty days' notice in writing.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of CTN-HD-13*270, in which the Arizona Department of Health Services is contracting with the Pima County Health Department for the provision of services under the Immunization Services Grant for a five-year period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017.

CHH/dr

c: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator for Medical and Health Services
Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors