

# County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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**Department:** Health Services

**4/5 Vote Not Required**

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**Board Date:**  
11/10/2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Supplemental H1N1 Influenza Response Grant

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute 2009-10 Emergency Preparedness and H1N1 Supplemental Funds Agreement No. EPO 09-49 with the California Department of Public Health, and any future amendments, agreements, and documents that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$1,632,747).

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the FY 09-10 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund – Department of Health Services in the amount of \$507,795.

Resolution amending the Departmental Allocation List – Department of Health Services –adding 0.5 FTE position effective November 10, 2009.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES:**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:**

<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$1,664,250</b>	<b>Contingencies (Fund Name:)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>\$1,156,455</b>	<b>Unanticipated Revenue (Source: H1N1 Supplemental Grant)</b>	<b>\$507,795</b>
<b>Other Available Appropriations (Explain Below)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Other Transfers (Source:)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Additional Requested</b>	<b>\$507,795</b>	<b>Additional Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$507,795</b>

**Explanation (if required):** Estimated cost of \$1,664,250 is comprised of the Agreement funds (\$1,632,747), funds eligible to be carried forward from prior fiscal years (\$16,503), and interest earnings (\$15,000). Therefore, unanticipated revenue of \$507,795 is available.

**Prior Board Action:** 12/16/08 – Authorized Public Health Emergency Preparedness Agreement for 2008-09.

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** Lost opportunity to continue public health emergency preparedness and H1N1 influenza response with State funding. Additional lost opportunity to provide vulnerable populations in Sonoma County with H1N1 influenza vaccination.

**Background:**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) awards federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to counties for the purpose of public health emergency preparedness (PHEP). For FY 09-10, counties will receive Supplemental Funds specifically for public health emergency response (PHER) to H1N1 Influenza. The Department of Health Services requests authorization to execute the 2009-10 Agreement in the amount of \$1,632,747 (\$1,063,990 for PHEP and \$568,757 for PHER).

**The Agreement funds ongoing public health emergency preparedness (PHEP) for the following allocations and purposes:**

**CDC Base** (\$435,057, a reduction of \$4,895) – Continuing funds for public health emergency preparedness. The Public Health Division works with emergency response personnel, healthcare providers and facilities, government officials, and professional and community organizations. Priority projects include:

- Enhancement of mass prophylaxis planning, completion of plans for mass dispensing sites.
- Improvements and training on deployment of nerve agent antidotes for chemical emergencies.
- Assessment and improvements to epidemiological and surveillance capacities and case investigation activities.
- Staff training on emergency roles at Department operations center, County Emergency Operations Center, mass dispensing sites, and County shelters.
- Continued collaboration on disaster preparation with agencies serving vulnerable populations, including North Bay Regional Center, County Human Services Department, Sonoma Developmental Center, and others.
- Continued collaboration on County shelter planning.
- Participation in various drills to test these capacities.

**CDC Laboratory** (\$259,650, a reduction of \$350) – Continuing funds for:

- Enhancement of Level B laboratory capacities, including drills of select agent reporting, handling, and transport procedures, and testing of newly revised level B lab protocols.
- Training of local Level A laboratories on specimen handling and interface with the County laboratory.
- Collaboration with law enforcement and other laboratory partners who may have involvement in public health emergencies.

**State Pandemic Influenza** (\$76,521, a reduction of \$31) – Continuing funds for pandemic influenza preparation.

Priorities include collaboration with health facilities on:

- Development of plans, media messages, and public information documents to be used during a pandemic.
- Assessing and revising the current Public Health Pandemic Influenza Response Plan in relationship to the H1N1 influenza event, making improvements that are immediately useful to the H1N1 vaccination effort.
- Assessing health facility resources in real time, including bed capacity, staffing levels, and communications resources and defining how resources will be shared in a coordinated response to pandemic influenza.
- Planning for government authorized alternate care facilities when health facilities have reached full capacity.
- Participation in trainings and exercises designed to test these plans.

**ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)** (\$292,762, a reduction of \$9,637) – Continuing funds for working with hospitals and other health care facilities to develop coordinated plans and surge capacities for healthcare facilities.

Overarching priorities include:

- Meeting the 14 required National Incident Management System (NIMS) elements for all hospitals.
- Conducting an ongoing education and preparedness training program for healthcare facilities.
- Conducting ongoing exercises, preparing after action reports and implementing corrective action plans.
- Planning to meet the needs of special populations during disasters.

Priority projects included:

- Enhancement of reporting capacity for real-time bed availability at hospitals.
- Improvements to interoperable communications systems for healthcare facilities.
- Completion of health facility evacuation and shelter-in-place plans.
- Planning for government-authorized Alternate Care Sites in collaboration with Sonoma Developmental Center, Santa Rosa Junior College, Sutter-Warrack Hospital, and local healthcare system emergency planners in response to a surge of patients at health facilities.

- Continued healthcare facility fatality management plans.
- Evaluate multi-/mass casualty plans and develop protocols as needed.
- Participation in surveillance efforts for H1N1 influenza at health facilities.

**The H1N1 Supplemental funds for ongoing public health emergency response (PHER) are for the following allocations and purposes:**

**PHER Phase I – CDC H1N1 Focus Area 1** (\$205,043) – New funds for vaccination, antiviral distribution/dispensing and administration, community mitigation, and other associated pandemic preparedness and response activities. Funds will be used to identify and address gaps in existing plans and to initiate activities in preparation for a mass vaccination campaign. The Department is responsible for providing vaccination to individuals and children who cannot access medical care and receive vaccine protection. Funds will be used for extra help, temporary personnel, or for additional hours for Department employees who have had their assignments reduced, to assist with planning and implementation of vaccinations at dispensing sites; assist with communications to the public and the many agencies responding to H1N1 in the community; coordinate vaccination services across local H1N1 providers; and coordinate reporting and follow-up activities with the State. In addition, PHER Phase I funds may be used to cover costs retroactively back to May 1, 2009.

**PHER Phase I – CDC H1N1 Focus Area 2** (\$68,929) – New funds to provide for laboratory, epidemiology, surveillance, and other associated pandemic preparedness and response activities. Focus 2 funds are intended to ensure a robust capacity to detect and monitor influenza illness and viruses in the community.

**PHER Phase I – HPP H1N1 Funds** (\$102,987) – New funds for improvement to healthcare systems’ ability to respond to a pandemic influenza event in two priority areas:

Priority Area 1: Healthcare Workforce Protection, including healthcare worker vaccination, development of plans for workforce family support, plans for isolation of flu patients in emergency rooms, policies to protect staff and patients at health facilities, and personal protective equipment and systems for healthcare workers; and

Priority Area 2: Expand Healthcare Surge Capacity along the Continuum of Care, including assuring healthcare system capacity and capability for patient care and expansion of surge capacity at health facilities, planning and implementation of government alternate care sites for patient care during a pandemic, allocation and resource management of patient care resources, and use of situational awareness tools, such as bed capacities at health facilities, ventilator and other equipment and supplies management essential for reporting real-time status of resources.

**PHER Phase II – CDC H1N1** (\$191,798) – New funds for accelerated H1N1 influenza vaccination planning activities required to address remaining gap in mass vaccination plans. The Department anticipates that most of these funds will be used to work with healthcare facilities to coordinate vaccination efforts and to plan for H1N1 influenza patient care.

**Departmental Position Allocation Impact**

The new PHER funds support the addition of 0.5 FTE Program Planning Analyst to plan and coordinate community H1N1 influenza vaccination activities. This position mitigates the impact of staff reductions requested in the 2010 Realignment Plan also before the Board today.

**Fiscal Impact**

The CDC Base and CDC Laboratory grant fiscal year runs from 8/10/09 – 8/9/10. The Hospital Preparedness Program grant fiscal year changed in FY 09-10 to run from 8/10/09 – 6/30/10. The State Pandemic Influenza grant year runs 7/1/09 – 6/30/10. All of the PHER H1N1 Supplemental Funds run from 7/31/09 – 7/30/10.

Estimated cost of \$1,664,250 is comprised of the Agreement funds (\$1,632,747), funds eligible to be carried forward from prior fiscal years (\$16,503), and interest earnings (\$15,000). Therefore, unanticipated revenue of \$507,795 is available. There is no contribution from the General Fund and no use of public health realignment funding.

**Attachments:** Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment in the amount of \$1,632,747; Resolution amending the Departmental Allocation List.

**On File With Clerk:** Public Health Emergency Preparedness and H1N1 Supplemental Funds Agreement No. EPO 09-49.

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**Board Action (If other than "Requested")**

**Vote:**