



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County  
**Department or Agency Name(s):** Department of Health Services  
**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Barbie Robinson, 565-7876  
**Vote Requirement:** Majority  
**Supervisory District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

Public Health Laboratory Services Memorandum of Understanding with Mendocino County

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize the Director of Health Services, or designee, to execute a memorandum of understanding to provide Public Health Laboratory services to the County of Mendocino and to accept revenue in an approximate amount of \$65,323 for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

**Executive Summary:**

This item requests approval of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the County of Mendocino through which the County of Sonoma will provide Public Health Laboratory services to the County of Mendocino. The County of Sonoma will accept revenue totaling \$65,323 from the County of Mendocino for services provided during the six-month term of the MOU, July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, while negotiations are underway to discuss a longer term MOU. The County of Sonoma will provide Public Health Laboratory services to the County of Mendocino at the established rate authorized by your Board on June 23, 2015 (MOU Agreement 2015-0045-A00) with an annual 3.5% increase for services provided through December 2020. The Department is assessing different cost methodologies and will negotiate and return with a new agreement that will be effective January 1, 2021.

**Discussion:**

This item requests approval of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the County of Mendocino through which the County of Sonoma will provide Public Health Laboratory services to the County of Mendocino. The County of Sonoma will accept revenue totaling \$65,323 from the County of Mendocino for services provided during the six-month term of the MOU, July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, while negotiations are underway to discuss a longer term MOU.

On June 23, 2015, the Board approved an MOU to provide Public Health Laboratory services to the County of Mendocino through June 30, 2020. Due to COVID-19 activities, the two county agencies have not completed negotiations for a new MOU in which the Department of Health Services will propose Sonoma County will provide Public Health Laboratory services to Mendocino County for an additional five years.

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services Public Health Laboratory performs a wide variety of clinical and environmental tests that protect the community from communicable diseases and toxic chemicals. Specimens are tested for pathogens that can cause tuberculosis, syphilis, tick borne diseases, food borne illnesses, whooping cough, influenza, rabies, and other illnesses.

California counties commonly form regional relationships to support the mutual goal of protecting public health by sharing vital laboratory resources. As part of the regional relationship with Mendocino County, Sonoma County provides routine and surge capacity testing and analysis for all mandatory reportable diseases, including COVID-19, supports public health investigations, and maintains accreditations.

**Prior Board Actions:**

On June 23, 2015 the Board approved a memorandum of understanding to provide Public Health Laboratory services to the County of Mendocino and to accept revenue in an amount not to exceed \$589,872 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 20-21 Adopted</b>	<b>FY 21-22 Projected</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses	65,323		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>65,323</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	65,323		
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>65,323</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

Revenue for the Public Health Laboratory Services MOU with Mendocino County is included in the FY 20-21 budget and is billed in accordance with MOU Agreement 2015-0045-A00 approved by your Board on June 23, 2015, with an annual 3.5% increase for services provided through December 2020. The Department is assessing different cost methodologies and will negotiate and return with a new agreement that will be effective January 1, 2021.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Memorandum of Understanding with Mendocino County

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None