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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING AWARD AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO RESPOND TO THE OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS FOR THE ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming award and future awards and/or amendments from the California Department of Public Health to respond to the opioid overdose crisis for the anticipated period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2024.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming award from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in Opioid Overdose Crisis funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to respond to the opioid overdose crisis for the anticipated period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019, at an amount estimated not to exceed \$533,464, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or her designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming CDPH award referenced above that extend the term through August 31, 2024, at amounts to be determined by the CDPH; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through February 28, 2025; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding in amounts to be determined by the

funder, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or her designee, to accept future federal, state, or other awards and/or amendments that provide additional support for other opioid overdose crisis related activities through August 31, 2024, at amounts to be determined by the funder; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding in amounts to be determined by the funder, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept forthcoming funding to respond to the opioid overdose crisis by increasing capacity to identify and report timely and comprehensive syndromic surveillance data on fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses. DPH will enhance local opioid surveillance by improving the scope and data of the syndromic surveillance system to analyze opioid related emergency department (ED) visits and increase participation in the current system by adding currently non-participating EDs to the syndromic surveillance project. Using this funding, new staff will be hired and trained, current ED hospital connections will be upgraded, and additional ED hospitals will be onboarded.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming award to extend and/or adjust the term of the award, at amounts to be determined by CDPH; reflect non material revisions to the award's terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding in amounts to be determined by the funder. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete grant deliverables and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Approval of Recommendation 3 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments from federal, state, or other funders that provide support for other opioid overdose crisis related activities, at amounts to be determined by the funder; reflect non material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding in amounts to be determined by the funder.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Strategy I.2, Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions, Strategy III.1, Continually Pursue Development of Our Workforce, and Strategy III.2, Embrace Digital Government for the Benefit of Our Internal Customers and Communities, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming award from the CDPH for the anticipated period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 at a total amount estimated not to exceed \$533,464.

Funding is included in DPH's fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 Supplemental Budget and will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

There is no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 23, 2018, the FY 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act and Accompanying Report was signed into law, which appropriated an increase in funding to CDC to "advance the understanding of the opioid overdose epidemic and scale up prevention activities across all 50 states and Washington, D.C." The CDC will use the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response – CDC-RFA-TP18-1802 mechanism to award a portion of those funds to local health jurisdictions affected by the opioid overdose crisis.

On June 20, 2018, the CDC released the 2018 Opioid Overdose Crisis Cooperative Agreement Supplemental Guidance for the project period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019. Due to eligibility limited to the 50 states, Washington D.C., and eight U.S. territories and freely associated states, DPH submitted its grant proposal, in the amount of \$533,464, to the CDPH on July 31, 2018.

Although this is a one-time funding, it is expected that future awards will become available through different mechanisms after the first year.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will support efforts in responding to the opioid overdose crisis and allow for the effective and timely implementation of opioid surveillance activities in Los Angeles County.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Ferrer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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