



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**From:** Public Health

**Meeting Date:** April 23, 2024

**Department Contact:** Jenine Miller, Psy.D.

**Phone:** 707-472-2341

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 15 Minutes

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Approval of Agreement with Theron Chan, M.D. in the Amount of \$45,000, to Provide Medical Oversight, Direction, and Guidance for the Public Health Department as the Interim County Health Officer, Effective Upon Signature through July 31, 2024  
(Sponsor: Public Health)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Agreement with Theron Chan, M.D. in the amount of \$45,000 to provide medical oversight, direction, and guidance for the Public Health Department as the Interim County Health Officer, effective upon signature through July 31, 2024; authorize the Public Health Director or designee to sign any future amendments that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

None.

**Summary of Request:**

Mendocino County Public Health (PH) requires a County Health Officer (CHO) to provide medical oversight, direction, and guidance for the Public Health department. The CHO shall guide and direct the implementation of control needed in times of epidemic outbreaks of communicable diseases, biological or chemical incidents, and/or natural or manmade disasters. The CHO shall also serve as a liaison between PH and the community physicians. These services are all requirements as they pertain to the majority of the programs within PH.

The previous CHO retired as of January 31, 2024, therefore, PH is seeking approval of the proposed Agreement with Dr. Theron Chan, M.D. to provide services as the interim CHO. Dr. Chan has previously provided critical assistance as the Deputy CHO during the COVID-19 pandemic and is familiar with the programs within PH, as well as County processes. Through the proposed Agreement, Dr. Chan will provide critical services, medical expertise, and professional oversight to carry out the required services as the interim CHO.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Strategic Plan Priority Designation:** A Safe and Healthy County

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** BU 4010; 86-2189; PHEPI

**current f/y cost:** \$45,000

**budget clarification:** Budget amount was not budgeted and BHRS Fiscal plans to account it for Q2 using the savings from the CHO position, this will be funded by Intergovernmental Transfer Funds.

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe):** No

**revenue agreement:** No

**AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL:** Yes

**CEO Liaison:** Tony Rakes, Acting Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: **Withdrawn**

Date: April 24, 2024

