

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 29

SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATES AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS REGARDING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND THE MONKEYPOX (MPOX) OUTBREAK RESPONSE; AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS RELATED TO CONTINUED COVID-19 SERVICES; ACCEPT MPOX RESPONSE FUNDING; RATIFY CONTRACT FOR TESTING, TREATMENT, AND VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR MPOX; AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

As seen nationwide, community transmission of the COVID-19 and monkeypox (MPOX) viruses are occurring locally. As a leader in infectious disease control within California and across the United States, the preparation for and response to communicable disease events, outbreaks, and emerging infectious disease threats remain high priorities for the County of San Diego (County). The County continues to make significant, ongoing efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic and the MPOX global outbreak with sustainable approaches.

In addition to receiving updates on the County's local COVID-19 and MPOX responses, today's action requests the Board approve the following:

- Authorize competitive solicitations for specimen collection, testing, and resulting services for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases;
- Accept MPOX response funding, from the California Department of Public Health;
- Ratify the contract with Family Health Centers of San Diego for testing, treatment, and vaccination administration for MPOX; and
- Adopt a resolution entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by protecting the health of residents against the COVID-19 pandemic and the MPOX outbreak.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive an update on the COVID-19 pandemic response.

2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Competitive Solicitation for specimen collection, testing, and resulting services for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of one year, with one option year and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.
3. Receive an update on the monkeypox (MPOX) outbreak response.
4. Authorize the acceptance of \$1,233,869 in funding from the California Department of Public Health to aid in the distribution of MPOX vaccines, tests, outreach and education, and treatments for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
5. Ratify actions taken by the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, in response to the MPOX local health emergency and in accordance with San Diego County Administrative Code section 402 to execute contract #567618 for testing, treatment, and vaccination administration services for MPOX with Family Health Centers of San Diego, and authorize amendments to the contract as needed to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
6. Adopt a resolution entitled: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In order to support the most vulnerable, an equity lens and risk-based approach was used to prioritize, when appropriate, the distribution of COVID-19 response and recovery-related federal, State, and local funding and resources, and the distribution of monkeypox (MPOX) vaccine and related resources. This was based on a data-driven approach, identifying communities that have the highest need for support in relation to the number of positive COVID-19 cases and the number of positive MPOX cases.

Through press conferences and presentations at the San Diego County Board of Supervisors meetings, the County of San Diego (County) has been able to disseminate critical information about the efforts being done to address and combat the COVID-19 pandemic and MPOX outbreak to a wide audience, as well as providing a forum to receive public comment. Helping people make the best-informed decisions to protect their health and the health of their community requires providing key health promotion and harm reduction prevention information to the public and working with partners and trusted messengers to ensure information reaches affected communities. In order to continue the County's commitment to transparency and open government and to remove traditional barriers to access and participation in government affairs, today's actions provide the mechanism to present updates on the current COVID-19 and MPOX outbreak response efforts that have an impact on the lives of Black, Indigenous, people of color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and the economically disadvantaged.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals, including engaging the community and protecting health and wellbeing. Implementation of the proposed actions will provide an opportunity to engage the community by transparently sharing any results of the pandemic and outbreak responses and/or outcomes and to protect the health and wellbeing of the residents of San Diego County.

FISCAL IMPACT

COVID-19 Response

It is estimated that through the end of Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2022, the County of San Diego (County) has spent over one billion dollars on overall COVID-19 response costs, excluding federally dedicated program funds for programs such as rental assistance and nutrition services. Funding sources include Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), County General Fund Balance, Realignment, and program revenues available for response efforts. In FY 2022-23, the County will rely on ARPA funding, as well as FEMA, other stimulus funds, program revenues, Realignment, and County General Fund Balance to cover response costs as needed. The County will continue to pursue other federal and State stimulus revenue and funding sources as made available.

Recommendation #2: Authorize Competitive Solicitations for Specimen Collection, Testing and Resulting Services for COVID-19 and Other Infectious Diseases

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2022-24 Operational Plan in Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will result in costs and revenues of approximately \$500,000 in FY 2022-23. The County will revisit resource needs for future fiscal years depending upon the progression of COVID-19 cases. The funding source is the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection Expansion Grant. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #3: Monkeypox (MPOX) Outbreak Response

It is estimated that the cost in responding to the MPOX outbreak is approximately \$2 million as of October 6, 2022. Costs are being covered by existing Realignment, existing General Purpose Revenue, and MPOX Response funding from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The County of San Diego HHSA will continue to pursue federal and State revenues to cover response costs. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #4: Accept MPOX Response Funding

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-24 Operational Plan in HHSA. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$1,233,869 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 which will be covered by existing appropriations. The funding source is the CDPH MPOX Response Funding. HHSA will use this funding to support costs related to MPOX and supplement with Realignment and existing General Purpose Revenue as needed. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #5: Ratify Contract with Family Health Centers of San Diego

Funds for this request are included the Fiscal Year 2022-24 Operational Plan in HHSA. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$193,600 in FY 2022-23, which will be covered by existing appropriations. The County will revisit resource needs for future fiscal years

depending upon the progression of the outbreak. The funding sources are CDPH MPOX Response Funding, Realignment, existing General Purpose Revenue, and any federal or State funding that might become available. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

This action will help support individuals, families, and small businesses impacted by COVID-19 and MPOX by ensuring the most up to date information as well as critical testing and treatment services are provided.

ACTION 29.1:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Received an update on the COVID-19 pandemic response. (Ref. Board Recommendation No. 1)
2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorized the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Competitive Solicitation for specimen collection, testing, and resulting services for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of one year, with one option year and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding. (Ref. Board Recommendation No. 2)
3. Received an update on the monkeypox (MPOX) outbreak response. (Ref. Board Recommendation No. 3)
4. Authorized the acceptance of \$1,233,869 in funding from the California Department of Public Health to aid in the distribution of MPOX vaccines, tests, outreach and education, and treatments for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level. (Ref. Board Recommendation No. 4)
5. Ratified actions taken by the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, in response to the MPOX local health emergency and in accordance with San Diego County Administrative Code section 402 to execute contract #567618 for testing, treatment, and vaccination administration services for MPOX with Family Health Centers of San Diego, and authorize amendments to the contract as needed to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency. (Ref. Board Recommendation No. 5)

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Fletcher, Desmond

ABSENT: Lawson-Remer

ACTION 29.2:

A motion was made by Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, to adopt a resolution entitled: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953. (Ref. Board Recommendation No. 6)

AYES: Vargas, Fletcher

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

ABSENT: Lawson-Remer

(The motion failed due to a lack of affirmative votes.)

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed

by Andrew Potter