Date: 21 January 2014

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      County Administrator

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Re: Request for placement of item on Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting, February 3, 2015
      Consent Calendar Agenda, Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Approval, CTN-13-0115
      Justification for Rincon Valley Fire District (Rincon), Immunization Program

Introduction

The Health Department is mandated to provide school age children with immunizations required for school, pursuant to A.R.S. §36-673. During outbreaks we are also occasionally called upon to deliver mass immunization efforts for the purpose of disease control and prevention. In fulfillment of these obligations we have worked with the Rincon Valley Fire District for many years to provide immunizations to large numbers of individuals at community events and during outbreak situations.

This agreement continues this collaboration. The Fire District approved the agreement in late December 2014 and County recently received back for final approval. We therefore seek retroactive approval for this agreement to November 13, 2014

Discussion

Rincon Valley Fire District Paramedic staff is willing and able to provide immunizations under their existing scope of practice. Pima County Health Department has relied on the this entity to assist in providing immunizations at large back-to-school clinics conducted in that community, as well as during large outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases such as, the measles outbreak in 2008, and the H1N1 outbreak in 2009.

Financial Impact

There are no direct costs to the County General Fund associated with this agreement. The IGA allows PCHD to use ADHS/CDC contract resources to immunization related activities.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the IGA.

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C. H. Huckelberry, County Administrator   1/21/15