

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor Bob Buster

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** June 28, 2011

**SUBJECT:** 1) Designate the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange (IEHIE) as the Health Information Exchange (HIE) for Riverside County  
2) Accept \$150,000 investment from the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) for Riverside County's participation in the IEHIE

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Designate the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange (IEHIE) as the health information exchange (HIE) for Riverside County,
- 2) Accept the \$150,000 investment that Inland Empire Health Plan is prepared to make to the Inland Empire Health Electronic Information Exchange on behalf of Riverside County, to cover Riverside County's start-up costs and first year of participation in the electronic health information exchange,
- 3) Require the Riverside County Regional Medical Center and the Riverside County Department of Public Health to engage and fully participate in the Inland Empire Health Electronic Information Exchange.

**BACKGROUND:**

The formation of a health information exchange is a key investment in advancing the health of the 4.2 million residents of the Inland Empire. The IEHIE is a collaborative effort of the two county medical societies, the local hospital association, the two public health departments, many physician groups, hospitals, IEHP and other entities. (Continued Page 2)

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**2) Accept \$150,000 investment from the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) for participation**

**BACKGROUND: Continued**

The IEHIE will connect a broad array of healthcare providers, public and private hospitals, physician groups, public health agencies and ancillary services, and more are expected to participate over time. The Exchange will allow all healthcare provider stakeholders the ability to choose and access health information at the point-of-care in an immediate and secure manner, enabling better treatment decisions and continuity of care while comporting with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's requirements for meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology. IEHP stands ready to fund Riverside County's start-up costs and the first year of participation as IEHP's rolls are expected to double to 900,000 by the year 2014 as coverage expands under federal healthcare reform and many patients will receive treatment from county providers at county health facilities.

**I request the Board of Supervisors to designate the IEHIE as the HIE for Riverside County, accept the \$150,000 investment from IEHP to fund Riverside County's first year of participation in the Inland Empire Health Electronic Information Exchange, and to require participation of the Riverside County hospital, the public health agency and the health clinics system in the electronic records exchange.**

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3 **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

4 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-197**

5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

6 Recognizing and designating the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange as  
7 the health information exchange network for Riverside County.

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9 **Whereas**, the mission of the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange (IEHIE) is to  
10 achieve continuity of care in the Inland Empire community by allowing providers and  
11 patients trusted, timely and secure access to patient health information;

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13 **Whereas**, the IEHIE will serve the more than 4.2 million population in Riverside and  
14 San Bernardino counties;

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16 **Whereas**, a region-wide IEHIE will benefit the residents of Riverside County by  
17 ensuring patients have safe, secure access to their personal health information;

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19 **Whereas**, the IEHIE participants include a broad array of healthcare providers, public  
20 and private hospitals and ancillary health care services, including of County of  
21 Riverside Department of Public Health and Riverside County Regional Medical Center  
22 and the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health and the San  
23 Bernardino County Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and Inland Empire Health  
24 Plan;

1 **Whereas**, the IEHIE will assist eligible providers in comporting with the U.S.  
2 Department of Health and Human Service’s requirements for “meaningful use” of  
3 “certified electronic health record technology,”  
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5 **Whereas**, the IEHIE will provide the ability to share patient health information with  
6 healthcare providers involved in their care;  
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8 **Whereas**, the IEHIE enables health information to be exchanged electronically  
9 between disparate healthcare information systems while ensuring information  
10 integrity;  
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12 **Whereas**, the IEHIE shall enhance communication between hospitals, laboratories,  
13 pharmacies and physician offices whereby patients receive more accurate and timely  
14 service;  
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16 **Now therefore be it resolved that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors**  
17 **recognizes and designates the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange as**  
18 **the health information exchange network for Riverside County;**  
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