

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



**FROM:** John Tavaglione, County Supervisor  
Serving the Second District


**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
February 14, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Participation in Community Translational Research Institute (CTRI)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** The Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the County Executive Officer, or his designee, to work collaboratively with Inland Empire Health Plan, Claremont Graduate University-School of Community and Global Health, and University of California, Riverside-School of Medicine to form a not for profit organization to promote the evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion policies and programs in the County of Riverside.

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**BACKGROUND:** The County of Riverside Department of Public Health, has long focused on the health and wellness of county residents. To that end, the Board of Supervisors recently approved an agreement initiating a multi-year study with Claremont Graduate University-School of Community and Global Health (CGU) to improve population health and preventative medicine at the community level. A community health assessment is planned for the first year of the initiative in the City of Jurupa Valley and the neighboring unincorporated area. This pilot program will be expanded to two additional communities in year two.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2013 County Health Rankings indicate that the County of Riverside is below average in virtually every health metric, including health behaviors such as poor nutrition, lack of physical activity and tobacco use. Furthermore, these three behaviors contribute to four chronic diseases; heart disease, cancers, lung disease and stroke, that are responsible for over sixty-two percent of early preventable deaths in Riverside County. Early deaths can be prevented by addressing health behaviors.

In order to further promote health and wellness county-wide and optimize funding opportunities, a not for profit community based organization is envisioned as a resource for development of evidence-based prevention programs that can be integrated across all segments of society. Riverside County, along with representatives from CGU, UCR, and IEHP, will make up the core membership of the Community Translational Research Institute (CTRI). Other key community partners from the public and private sectors, including health care organizations, hospitals, academic institutions, community and faith-based organizations and school districts may be added over time. CTRI will play an important role in disease prevention, health education and the continuing improvement of our communities to make health a part of their design. The CTRI members will collaborate on grant applications leveraging resources to maximize funding; and, implement public health policies through shared research and an integrated network of health service providers. Funds raised by CTRI will provide for additional studies and program expansion to other regions of the County.