## 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)

Bob Buster Supervisor, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent: Date:

None

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Supvr. Buster, RCRMC, Public Health

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**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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