

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



ITEM: 3.29
(ID # 25817)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

FROM : RUHS-PUBLIC HEALTH

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - PUBLIC HEALTH: Approve the Attached Letter of Support to Accompany the Statement of Intent and Application for Accreditation to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for Riverside University Health System - Public Health. All Districts. [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached letter of support to accompany the Statement of Intent and application for accreditation to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for Riverside University Health System - Public Health (RUHS-PH).

ACTION: Policy


Kim Saruwatari, Director of Public Health 9/4/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: September 10, 2024
xc: RUHS-PH

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25 – 28/29	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is a 501(c)(3) organization that administers the national public health accreditation program and the Pathways Recognition program. PHAB is the sole national accrediting body for public health in the U.S. and supports health departments to improve quality, accountability, and performance. Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS-PH) was last accredited by the PHAB on August 21, 2019. Reaccreditation is due every five (5) years, and RUHS-PH is currently taking all necessary steps to apply for reaccreditation. As the appointing authority for the Director of Public Health, the Board of Supervisors must approve the letter of support to accompany the Statement of Intent and application to apply to PHAB. Accreditation will ensure that Riverside County’s residents and visitors are served by a Public Health department that demonstrates excellence in providing the three core functions and ten essential public health services with a commitment to quality and performance improvement. Public health accreditation is based on standards that health departments can put into practice to ensure that they are continuously improving services to keep their communities healthy.

The three core functions of public health include assessment, policy development and assurance. The ten essential public health services include: (1) monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems; (2) diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community; (3) inform, educate and empower people about health issues; (4) mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems; (5) develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts; (6) enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety; (7) link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable; (8) assure a competent public and personal health care workforce; (9) evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services; and (10) research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

The benefits of public health accreditation include: identifying strengths and allowing the department to identify and address areas for quality and performance improvement; verifying that the department has met nationally adopted standards that validate the services provided; raising visibility, improving communication and providing accountability to the community we serve; and highlighting the capacity and capability of the Department which may increase access to state, federal and local resources.

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The PHAB accreditation process consists of seven steps: (1) pre-application, (2) application, (3) documentation selection and submission, (4) site visit, (5) accreditation decision, (6) annual reports, and (7) reaccreditation.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Accreditation will ensure that Riverside County residents and visitors are served by a Department of Public Health committed to excellence in the three core functions and ten essential public health services, with a focus on quality and continuous improvement

Additional Fiscal Information

There is no financial impact to RUHS-PH. There is an annual cost of \$24,000, which is an exemption to County Ordinance 459.

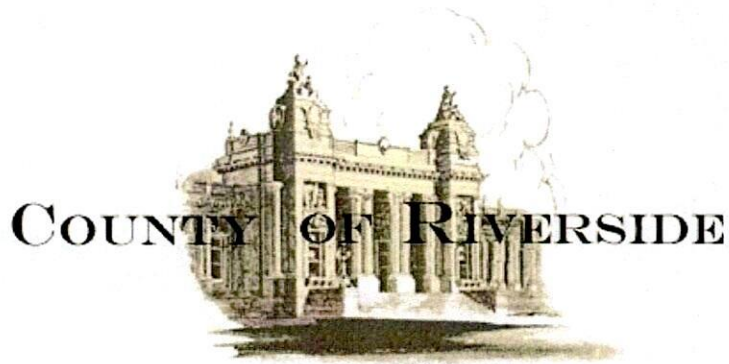
ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A. Letter of Support


Douglas Cordonez Jr.




9/4/2024



Board of Supervisors

District 1	Kevin Jeffries 951-955-1010
District 2	Karen Spiegel 951-955-1020
District 3	Chuck Washington 951-955-1030
District 4	V. Manuel Perez 951-955-1040
District 5	Yxstian Gutierrez 951-955-1050

August 28, 2024

Public Health Accreditation Board
1600 Duke Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: RUHS Public Health Accreditation

Dear Public Health Accreditation Board,

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully submit this letter in support of Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Public Health, also known as Riverside County Department of Public Health, in its application to the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Accreditation will ensure that Riverside County residents and visitors are served by a Department of Public Health that demonstrates excellence in providing the three core functions and ten essential Public Health services with a commitment to quality and performance improvement.

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The Board of Supervisors offers their full support of the RUHS Public Health in their pursuit of national Public Health Department accreditation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chuck" being more prominent than the last name "Washington".

Supervisor Chuck Washington
Chair, County of Riverside Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Marie Alvarado-Gil, California State Senate
Honorable Members, County of Riverside Legislative Delegation