March 23, 2021

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: MOU between the State and the County of Marin governing vaccine allocation and administration.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the President to execute the MOU with the State of California governing vaccine allocation and administration.

SUMMARY:

On March 1, 2021, the State of California selected Blue Shield of California as the Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to coordinate the distribution of COVID-19 vaccination supply to Counties and health care providers. The TPA will implement the state’s allocation of vaccine doses according to equity and priority directives from the state.

Recognizing the unique role of Counties, the State and Counties developed this MOU. As a result, unlike private providers of the vaccine, Counties will not sign agreements directly with the TPA, but instead will enter into this agreement with the State. The MOU outlines expectations and conditions for the County to continue receiving vaccine from the State under the new TPA scheme. Under the MOU, the County will continue to receive vaccine to administer in its ongoing vaccination efforts and the State agrees to make reasonable efforts to assure the County receives sufficient doses of the vaccine. Although the County is prohibited from reallocating vaccine it receives from the State, the County will be able to reallocate vaccine to County-supported vaccine operations. The MOU requires the County to follow the criteria established by the Department of Public Health in determining vaccine eligibility, including targeting appointments to members of undeserved communities that have suffered a disproportionate burden of the COVID-19 pandemic.

EQUITY IMPACT:
The COVID 19 pandemic has had a significant impact on communities of color in Marin including LatinX, African American, and Asian residents. Marin County Public Health and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will continue to prioritize outreach to these communities to ensure access to the COVID vaccine received from the State.

REVIEWED BY:

☐ Department of Finance ☑ N/A
☒ County Counsel ☐ N/A
☐ Human Resources ☑ N/A
Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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