



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/4/2023

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File #: 23-380

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Public Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Health Officer Agreement Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Health Officer Agreement Amendment with Candy Stockton-Joreteg for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Public Health Funds 1175-400

**DISCUSSION:**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101000 and Government Code section 24000, subdivision (s), counties are required to maintain a Health Officer. The Health Officer is required to enforce and observe 1) Board orders and ordinances pertaining to public health matters, quarantines and regulations; 2) orders, including quarantine and other regulations prescribed by the California Department of Public Health; and 3) statutes relating to public health. The Health Officer is further required to implement measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, or other widespread communicable diseases.

On April 15, 2022 in Closed Session (Item C-4), your Board selected Dr. Candy Stockton-Joreteg, to be designated and employed by the County as the new Humboldt County Health Officer.

On May 24, 2022 at the regular meeting (Item D-19), your Board approved the execution of the Agreement with Dr. Candy Stockton-Joreteg as the Humboldt County Health Officer.

This Agreement Amendment before your Board today authorizes DHHS to maintain Dr. Stockton-Joreteg's services as Humboldt County's Health Officer through June 30, 2024.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

<b>Expenditures (1175-400)</b>	<b>FY22-23</b>	<b>FY23-24 Projected</b>	<b>FY24-25 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$251,133	\$251,133	N/A
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$251,133</b>	<b>\$251,133</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Funding Sources (1175-400)</b>	<b>FY22-23 Adopted</b>	<b>FY23-24 Projected*</b>	<b>FY24-25 Projected*</b>
State/Federal Funds	\$251,133	\$251,133	N/A
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$251,133</b>	<b>\$251,133</b>	<b>N/A</b>

*\*Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

The Health Officer position is included in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 400 - Administration. The full-time equivalent (FTE) of the position, per this amendment to the agreement, is 0.75 FTE, and the salary, as specified in Exhibit B of the attached agreement, is \$106.71 per hour. The agreement provides that the Health Officer’s salary shall be adjusted by the same amount granted to management employees. The annual salary amount has accounted for scheduled pay increases for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This amendment to the agreement before your Board today authorizes DHHS to maintain Dr. Stockton-Joreteg’s services as Humboldt County’s Health Officer effective July 18, 2022, through June 30, 2024. The annual cost of the Health Officer position, including benefits, will be approximately \$251,133 at 0.75 FTE. Additional costs for this agreement include membership costs estimated to be \$375 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. The annual salary and associated costs for the agreement before your Board today was included in the FY 2023-24 proposed County budget.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

This position is pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101000 and Government Code section 24000, subdivision (s), counties are required to maintain a Health Officer. Per Code the Board of Supervisors is required to make the appointment. Without a Health Officer, Public Health would not be able to continue to apply for Grants or be eligible to State and Federal funds.

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework priority of providing community-appropriate levels of service and protecting vulnerable population.

Core Roles: Protect vulnerable populations  
New Initiatives: Provide community-appropriate levels of service  
Strategic Plan: N/A

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Your Board may choose to not approve the agreement amendment. However, this is not recommended

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ATTACHMENTS:

Health Officer Agreement Amendment for Services between County of Humboldt and Dr. Candy Stockton-Joretteg

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-4; D-19

Meeting of: 4/15/2022; 5/24/2022

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