

January 16, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to establish a data use agreement for five years from the execution date of the MOU. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach (City), Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) has requested to enter into a Data Use Agreement (DUA) with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) is the nation's most widely used Healthcare-associated Infection (HAI) tracking system. Healthcare facilities are required to report HAI/event data to the CDC that relates to patient safety, healthcare personnel safety, dialysis, surgical site infections, and antimicrobial use and resistance. The data use agreement allows the CDC to share data with the Health Department sooner and with more detail than using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS') Hospital Compare. Sharing facility-identifiable data publicly is a violation of the data use agreement.

This agreement allows the Health Department to access and use specific data collected by the CDC through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). This data includes information about patients, healthcare workers, dialysis centers, and outpatient procedures. All information is voluntarily submitted by healthcare institutions in California and protected by federal privacy laws.

The Health Department's Division of Communicable Disease Surveillance and Control utilizes surveillance data to inform investigation and response of reportable diseases and conditions per Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §2500. Disease surveillance is the ongoing systematic collection, collation, analysis and interpretation of data and the dissemination of information to prevent and control the spread of diseases. It is the intent of the Health Department to use the NHSN data for HAI surveillance and prevention purposes and not legal or regulatory action. By accessing this data, prevention needs can be identified and tailored HAI prevention strategies can be planned and evaluated.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on December 22, 2023 and Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on December 27, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 16, 2024, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the National Healthcare Safety Network in a timely matter.

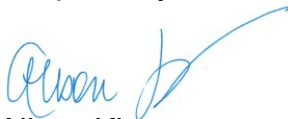
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Health and Human Services

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER