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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: October 28, 2014

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM COUNTY STAFF ON EBOLA AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RESPONSE EFFORTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

The ongoing Ebola outbreak in West Africa and a small number of cases in the U.S. have led to much media attention and public concern. In order to address these concerns and be ready in the event of a local Ebola impact, County departments have come together to review and plan for the County's role in addressing the deadly disease.

Today's presentation will outline basic facts about Ebola, as well as the County's role in preparing for and responding to Ebola and other communicable diseases.

Recommendation(s)

CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB

Receive a presentation regarding County preparedness for Ebola and other communicable disease response efforts.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

West Africa is suffering the largest Ebola outbreak in history. While it is a rare and deadly disease, the risk of Ebola in the United States is minimal. This disease cannot be transmitted through air, water, or food. To date, there have been four cases of Ebola in the United States.

In San Diego, the County of San Diego is the lead public health agency for the region. Public

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Health Services and the Office of Emergency Services recently convened County departments to review their roles in responding to Ebola, and they prepared to implement appropriate protocols. Public Health Services continues their role in surveillance for the disease and has been in constant communication with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the local medical community. They have provided guidance to the medical community and communicated information about the disease to schools and the public. In addition to Public Health Services, other County departments that could potentially have a role in responding to Ebola. Departments have reviewed their potential involvement with Public Health Services and are reviewing or implementing safe and effective protocols. Preparations include but are not limited to training on appropriate screening and monitoring, training on the use of Personal Protective Equipment, communication preparations and individual department operational protocols.

Today's presentation will outline basic information about Ebola and preparations by County government to respond to Ebola and other communicable diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

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