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MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: Denise Pomeroy, Health Services Director

DATE: March 26, 2019

SUBJECT: **Approve Long Distance Travel for Dr. Erin Gustafson, Denise Pomeroy, Iyesha Miller, and Dean Eichelmann to Anniston Alabama April 14th 2019 through April 18th 2019 to attend the 2019 Health Care Coalition Response Leadership Course**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Dr. Erin Gustafson, Interim Health Officer, Denise Pomeroy, Health Services Director, Iyesha Miller, Health Programs Manager, and Dean Eichelmann, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator have been invited to attend the 2019 Health Care Coalition Response Leadership Course provided by FEMA.

The Healthcare Coalition Response Leadership Course (HCRL) is based on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Healthcare System and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Preparedness Capabilities, as well as best-practice procedures for healthcare-coalition building, preparedness, response, and recovery.

This three-day course provides instruction and facilitated discussion in best practices and lessons learned in establishing an effective healthcare-coalition framework and conducting healthcare-coalition planning, as well as and achieving preparedness. The course provides instruction on the development of indicators, triggers, and tactics for proactive coalition planning. In addition the course provides techniques and instruction on the considerations for healthcare coalition response and recovery leadership, during an emergency.

The course also provides extensive practical experience in healthcare coalition leadership team response through a series of progressive exercises designed to emulate realistic community and regional public health and medical emergencies. Participating in this course will ensure that our Health Services Department, and community partners have knowledge of the latest procedures and information in emergency planning to ensure our county's safety during an emergency.

This type of team based emergency response training or the opportunity to train together with other emergency response teams is not available to us locally.

Below are some, but not all, of the critical skill sets learned during this training program:

- Discuss the best practice methods and means for establishing a healthcare community coalition framework, and see what partners best practices are.
- Discuss the best practice methods and means for preparing to respond to an emergency as a healthcare coalition.
- Develop indicators, triggers, and tactics for a proactive healthcare response during an emergency.
- Manage a response to a public health and/or medical emergency as a leadership team member for a healthcare coalition.

Travel and all associated costs, including airfare, meals, airline baggage fees, ground transportation, hotel and airport parking are fully funded through FEMA.

During this training April 14th through April 18th Dr. Gary Pace has agreed to be on call for the Health Officer. In addition the following Directors and Managers will be onsite for leadership coverage of the Health Department:

- Jasjit Kang - Environmental Health Director
- Carolyn Holladay - Director of Nurses
- Josefine Chester - Health Services Administrative Manager

As the Health Services Director with a new team that has less than one years' experience in planning and responding to emergencies, I fully support this training opportunity hosted and paid for by FEMA.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ None ☐ Budgeted ☐ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost:

Amount Budgeted:

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable):

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Your Board's approval is requested and recommended.