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The Honorable Akilah Weber Pierson, M.D.
Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
1021 O Street, Suite 7310
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Dawn Addis
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
1021 O Street, Suite 4120
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**RE: PROVIDE INPUT – California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Budget Items:
Future of Public Health & CDPH IT Systems**

Dear Senator Weber Pierson and Assembly Member Addis:

Solano County Health & Social Services, Public Health Division writes to provide input on key budget items under the purview of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Future of Public Health

Solano County Health & Social Services, Public Health Division respectfully requests the Legislature sustain the critical Future of Public Health investment for local health department workforce and infrastructure.

Solano Public Health hired fifteen (15) additional positions with Future of Public Health funding. These positions helped to build capacity of Solano Public Health, including the regional Public Health Lab that serves Solano, Napa, Yolo, and Marin Counties by hiring an additional Public Health Microbiologist. The additional positions also helped to build capacity in the Communicable Disease program, including a Deputy Health Officer, Communicable Disease Investigator, and Public Health Nurse. We were also able to sustain the Infection Prevention Coordinator position created during the pandemic who works closely with congregate living facilities, including long term care facilities, on how to prevent outbreaks and reduce the spread of disease in facilities.

The County has also expanded services in home visiting programs and these personnel can be flexed-up to respond to emergencies in the future. The additional personnel have also provided Solano Public Health the ability to respond to the Bird Flu/H5N1—we are working closely with the Agriculture Department and Resource Management Department to provide health education information about how to prevent the spread of disease in certain settings, including wildlife centers and dairies. Also, we have provided personal protective equipment to businesses and agencies requesting it. More information about how Future of Public Health funding supports Solano Public Health's efforts is located [here](#).

CDPH Information Technology Systems

Solano County Health & Social Services, Public Health Division respectfully requests support for investments for the following CDPH public health information technology systems.

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- **myCAvax** – We request that the Legislature provide \$44 million ongoing General Fund for the California Vaccine Management System, also known as myCAvax. The Governor's January Budget does not include funding beyond June 30, 2025, for this system. In Solano County, myCAvax system helps coordinate and organize Solano Public Health's vaccine program, including tracking inventory, updating storage units, organizing orders from providers, updating provider contact information, as well as providing Solano Public Health the ability to review and approve vaccine orders and track county allocations.
- **CalCONNECT** – We express support for the Governor's proposal for \$18 million General Fund for maintenance and operations of the California Confidential Network for Contact Tracing (CalCONNECT). Solano Public Health utilizes CalCONNECT to conduct contact tracing and case investigations. Additionally, CalCONNECT has been especially helpful with outbreak investigations in congregate living facilities, workplaces, and schools—where many people live, work and study in close proximity to each other.
- **SaPHIRE** – We express support for the Governor's proposal for \$27 million General Fund for the Surveillance and Public Health Information Reporting and Exchange (SaPHIRE) system. Before SaPHIRE, Solano Public Health struggled to upload data to the CalRedie system in an efficient way—often the upload took a lot time and the upload was not successful. With SaPHIRE transferring data to CalRedie is much more efficient, effective and saves time. SaPHIRE is a helpful tool for local health jurisdictions.
- **CAIR3 Planning** – We express support for the Governor's proposal for \$5.1 million General Fund for planning for the California Immunization Registry 3 (CAIR3) system. Solano Public Health joins other local health jurisdictions in looking forward to the CAIR3 system. Currently, there are three immunization registries in California and when people move from county to county it can be challenging to find immunization data in one of the three systems. CAIR3 will integrate the data into one system so that local health jurisdictions can easily find the data. Additionally, CAIR3 will be helpful for Solano Public Health's Epidemiological Unit to gather and analyze data related to immunizations, including breakthrough cases (people who get infected with a disease even though they have the vaccine).

Thank you for your time and consideration of these important public health budget items. Should you have any questions, please contact Jayleen Richards, Public Health Administrator at (707) 784-8616.

Respectfully,



Mitch Mashburn, Chair
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