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## Legislation Text

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Public Health Director recommending ratification of her signature on the Clinical Internship Agreement CSUS PT060172 with California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) for a term through August 31, 2012 to allow physical therapy students to participate in internships with the County at the Public Health facility at 3060 Snows Road in Camino.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Background: CSUS is working to set up current physical therapy students with internships in local public healthcare settings. The Department was approached by the University to establish a collaborative partnership to provide these students with clinical and educational experiences which would enhance their capabilities as practitioners. The County's Public Health facility on Snows Road will serve as an appropriate venue for this purpose.

Public Health staff shall work with CSUS in planning, coordinating, and implementing this internship program. Interns will perform services for patients/clients only when directly supervised by registered or licensed Department clinical staff. Interns shall work, perform assignments, and participate in clinics, staff meetings, and in-service educational programs at the discretion of those supervisors. Staff will also work with CSUS in evaluating each student during the course of their internship. The presence of physical therapy interns in the Public Health facility will not interfere with the regular activities of the facility nor disrupt services to the public.

The term of this agreement is four (4) years.

Reason for Recommendation: In addition to providing physical therapy students with an opportunity to develop and strengthen their skills as healthcare practitioners, this internship program may later help the Department's recruiting efforts to attract qualified and motivated physical therapists.

This agreement is effective April 1, 2008. Due to late receipt of contract documents from CSUS, the Department was unable to get this agreement to the Board before the effective date of April 1st. Given the nature of the agreement, the lack of any fiscal provision, and no student interns currently assigned the Department moved forward with signing the agreement with CSUS prior to review by the Board. The Board approved a similar agreement with CSUS for nursing student interns at their meeting on October 2, 2007.

Action to be taken following Board approval: CSUS to sign two (2) copies of agreement; Public Health to return one fully executed document to Board Clerk's Office upon receipt from CSUS.

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