To: **Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

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Re: **Item 5: Lake County Fires Medical Health Mutual Aid Response**

Staff Recommendations:

None

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion

Background:

On September 12, 2015, in support of the Lake County Valley Fire response, the California Region II Medical Public Health Branch was activated. The priorities were to provide medical conditions sheltering for fire affected community members, including fulfilling requests for related medical shelter and mental health services, equipment and personnel. Medical Conditions shelters coordinate closely with American Red Cross general populations shelters to provide temporary care and housing for individuals with chronic medical conditions requiring regular medical treatment (which is usually provided in the home), such as catheter maintenance, diabetes related treatments, medication management, blood pressure monitoring, and stable oxygen and nebulizer therapy.

Discussion:

Over seven weeks, the California Region II Medical and Public Health Branch coordinated the allocations of medical conditions, mental and public health services, including medical health mutual aid resources.

More than 20,000 residents of Napa and Lake Counties were served through the Valley Fire medical conditions shelter operations. By September 18th, nine medical conditions shelters were under way with populations ranging from 100 to 800 displaced individuals. At the peak of the

response, fifteen Region II mental health responders worked around the clock through the mutual aid system in support of local emergency medical services, registered nurses, Medical Reserve Corps Strike Teams and Public Health professionals.

The California Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist (RDMHS) provided coordination of information and medical health resources to the Valley Fire incident and will provide a report on the Region II response and recovery activities.