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MEMORANDUM

Date: 6/14/2021

To: Budget Committee

From: Health Department – Brian Hatch

RE: Remodel of Immunizations

Summary: The Department has been responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic for the past 15 months. During this period of time we have identified an area and gap that the current building is not well equipped to handle. We quickly found that the current clinic setup was not adequate or equipped to do COVID-19 testing, making it extremely difficult to quickly and effectively respond to the public who may have been sick or were identified as contacts. This remains the case today. As the response shifts from an emergency situation to a normal day-to-day operation, many resources that were deployed to fill the gaps are being shut down. This gradual shut down in the community necessitates and reinforces the need to create a new space within the department to provide resources to the community as we continue our response.

Proposal: Remodel the Immunization/WIC services area. This remodel would consist of converting several areas, currently being used for storage and as a breakroom into clinical space. This new clinical area would increase immunization capacity and provide clinical rooms designed for testing and treatment.

Costs of the Proposal: Unknown. However, one-time ARPA funds would be the likely source of funding.

Benefits of the Proposal: This remodel will allow the Department to continue to respond to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, but will also put the Department in a much better situation to respond to other public health emergencies in the future.

Other considerations, if applicable: None

I appreciate your willingness to consider this request and I look forward to presenting this at the next budget meeting, if needed. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.