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TO: CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS AND CANCER REGISTRARS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY UPDATE

I am writing to update you on news related to the California Cancer Registry (CCR). As you may know, the current contracting period for assisting the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) with the administration of CCR expires June 30, 2012. This contract has been held and very ably executed by the Public Health Institute (PHI) for a number of years. Beginning July 1, 2012, this single contract will be replaced by nine competitively bid grants directly administered by CDPH. One of the nine grants will be for central statewide CCR functions; the remainder will be for regional registry activities.

The five-year grant for central statewide functions has been awarded to the University of California, Davis, Institute for Population Health Improvement. The process is well under way for implementing the grant between CDPH and UC Davis, as well as establishing the necessary infrastructure in advance of July 1. The eight regional grants have been awarded to the University of Southern California (USC, Region 9), the Cancer

Prevention Institute of California (CPIC, Regions 1/8), and PHI (Regions 2,3,4,5,6,7/10). These grants are all currently in the process of negotiation and development, and also will be in place by July 1.

I want to assure all of you that all of the CCR collaborating partners, CDPH, UC Davis, USC, CPIC, and PHI, are committed to a seamless and successful transition of registry activities to the new model, one which I expect to have minimal impact on cancer registrars in the state. This transition should not impact cancer reporting activities and registrars must continue to abstract and transmit cancer cases as usual during this transition period. As soon as all of the grants are approved, central and regional registry staff will come together to begin discussions to ensure this new model will maintain CCR as one of the leading cancer registries in the world. Our foremost goal, as always, is the continued excellence of CCR. Thank you all for the work that you do that enables this to be possible.

Sincerely,

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