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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Messina Holguin, District Lead Nurse
Subject: Memorandum of Understanding – Interlocal Joint Services Agreement with Hector Ocaranza, MD
Date: September 8, 2026

HISTORY:

San Elizario is seeking to enter into an interlocal agreement with Dr. Ocaranza, M.D to establish joint health services and authorize necessary standing orders for unassigned, non-prescribed medications, pulse oximeter (Pulse O2) monitoring and automated external defibrillator (AED) usage, and assist with updates to district protocols.

RATIONALE:

This agreement establishes formal physician delegation under Dr. Ocaranza. It gives SEISD school nurses the legal authority to administer specific emergency treatments (such as an epipen for anaphylaxis, AED for cardiac emergencies, Narcan for opioid overdose, and pulse oximeter monitoring for respiratory distress without waiting for student-specific prescriptions during an acute crisis. Texas Medical Board rules and Texas Nurse Practice Act require physician-signed standing orders for prescription medication administration in public schools. Standing orders eliminate dangerous treatment delays. Partnering with Dr. Ocaranza ensures SEISD health protocols align directly with regional public health standards, emergency guidelines, and disease mitigation strategies. A formal interlocal agreement pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code properly defines the scope of responsibility and protects both the medical provider and the school district.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact for this item.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that San Elizario ISD enter into an interlocal agreement with Hector Ocaranza, MD, to provide clinical standing orders.

For Approval? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, please check one: ☐ Presentation ☐ Report ☐ Information

Please check if applicable: ☐ Attachment Included

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