



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: October 10, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department 805-681-5115
Contact Info: Dana Gamble, Deputy Director
Public Health Department (805) 681-5171

SUBJECT: Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., Professional Corporation Agreement Termination, FY 2023-2024, Board Contract No. 23126

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to terminate for convenience due to shifting business needs, effective November 15, 2023, the Agreement for Services with Independent Contractor Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., Professional Corporation (Contractor) for Fiscal Year 2023–2024 (BC No. 23126) that was effective July 1, 2023; and
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Public Health Department’s issuance of a Notice of Intent to Terminate Agreement, which terminates the Agreement, effective November 15, 2023, subject to the Board’s approval (Attachment A); and
- c) Delegate authority to the Director of the Public Health Department or designee to take actions necessary for the winddown of the Agreement, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not a Project within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request Board of Supervisors (Board) approval to terminate the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., Professional Corporation fiscal year 2023-2024 (BC 23126) effective November 15, 2023; ratify the issuance of the Notice of Intent to Terminate Agreement; and delegate authority for the winddown of the Agreement.

Background: The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) provides primary care medical services to Santa Barbara County residents, in part, through contracted independent providers. Lawrence Bines M.D., Professional Corporation (P.C.) and a network of qualified subcontracted physicians been providing OB/GYN services and hospital coverage for more than twenty-three years. As part of the Department’s Strategic Planning process, the PHD is considering a different model of delivering OB/GYN services throughout our clinics that will utilize Staff Physicians and Advanced Practice Practitioners, i.e., Nurse Practitioners current and other professional health groups. Patients who are currently receiving services from Lawrence Bines M.D., P.C. will be transferred to one of the other OB/GYN providers either contracted or employed by the PHD prior to November 15, 2023 in coordination with County staff. Lawrence Bines M.D., P.C. will complete the transfer of assets and cease all operations related to the provision of OB/GYN services to PHD patients effective November 15, 2023.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis: The Public Health Department does not foresee a financial impact as a result of the authorization of this termination for convenience.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit PHDGROUPEContractsUnit@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

- A. Lawrence Bines M.D., P.C. FY 23-24 Notice of Intent to Terminate Agreement
- B. Lawrence Bines M.D., P.C. FY 23-24 BC 23126

Authored by:

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