

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Elliot Schulman, M.D., M.P.H., Director and Health Officer  
Public Health Department

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Public Health Department 681-5173

**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Agreement (Carolyn Griffith, M.D.)

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## **Recommendation(s):**

### **That the Board of Supervisors:**

Approve and execute an agreement with Carolyn Griffith, M.D., a local vendor, to provide professional obstetrical and gynecological medical services at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center for the period June 20, 2005 through June 30, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

### **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

### **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Public Health Department, in accordance with State mandates, provides medical care to those individuals who would otherwise not be able to access the local health care system. Physicians, along with other professionals, provide primary medical care and perform administrative duties to ensure that the County fulfills those mandated services.

There is a critical shortage of OB/GYN physicians to provide coverage for the services required by the Public Health Department in the Santa Maria region. Because other community physicians have not been available to provide the on-call services, the use of contracted physicians to provide on-call coverage keeps the Department from being forced to use commercial substitute services ("locums") that are significantly more expensive.

*Clinic Care:* Carolyn Griffith, M.D. has been providing substitute clinic based care in the County Clinics since July 2004. Dr. Griffith has now agreed to provide approximately 16 hours a week of clinic coverage for OB and GYN services.

*Emergency Call and Callback:* Dr. Griffith will share an approximate 1-in-8-call schedule. She will act as the admitting physician for County emergency OB/GYN patients at Marian Medical Center when covering County "On-Call".

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*Hospital Care:* The requested Agreement with Dr. Griffith provides for hospital care services which will include normal deliveries, cesarean sections, emergency and on-emergency gynecological procures, emergency room visits and patient hospital care related to the emergency services.

The Board is requested to approve and execute an agreement with Carolyn Griffith, M.D., to provide professional obstetrical and gynecological medical services at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center for the period June 20, 2005 through June 30, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The provision of primary care services are mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1276, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503 and 2505; California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1; and Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Because this recommendation is already contained within the Department's FY 2005-2006 adopted budget, it will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

The costs for physician services are reimbursed from the State and Federal governments as a result of the County being a Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing services for Medi-Cal and Medicare patients, and from State Realignment funding for Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) patient services.

The funding for this Agreement is contained as part of the Public Health Department's FY 2005-2006 adopted budget and can be found on page D-186 of the County's FY 2005-2006 Operating Plan Document in the Santa Maria Women's Health Center cost center.

This action will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

**Special Instructions:** Please send one copy of the signed Agreement and one Minute Order copy to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew.

**Concurrence:** None required.