



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: December 13, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director & Health Officer
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: John Eaglesham, Emergency Medical Services Director
SUBJECT: Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Cottage Hospital Agreement

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 consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (Attachment A) to receive payment distributions from the Maddy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund for partial compensation for providing trauma and emergency medical services to patients who do not make payments for emergency medical services which include the homeless, uninsured, or undocumented, for the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$290,000.
- b) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to receive funds from the Maddy EMS Funds as established under Health and Safety Code sections 1797.98a and 1797.98.b, and County Resolution 04-307. The Public Health Department (PHD) administers the Maddy Program for eligible patients in Santa Barbara County. All hospitals in Santa Barbara County are currently providing Maddy Program eligible services. Therefore, with Board

approval for Recommendation A and Recommendation B, the County will execute an Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to receive payment distributions from the EMS Maddy Fund for uncompensated care.

Background:

The Maddy Program provides State funding to County governments to provide health care access for residents that cannot afford care and who meet Program eligibility and authorization for care criteria. Locally the Maddy Program is governed by the Board of Supervisors and administered since 2004 through the PHD Emergency Medical Services program. The five (5) hospitals in Santa Barbara County participate in treating Maddy eligible patients and are reimbursed by PHD for these patient services. The payment distribution procedure that’s established by these agreements complies with the Health and Safety Code Section 1797.98a of the Maddy Legislation and has been reviewed and approved by the Hospital Council of Southern California.

Contract Risk Assessment

The high risk elements of this agreement are associated with the term extensions of the agreement, a State funding source and the lack of other providers for this service. These risks are mitigated by the fact this agreement is a “pass-through” of State funding to provide payment to hospitals for Maddy Program eligible patient services, if the funding were to be withdrawn, neither the Public Health Department nor Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital would have any obligation to continue this agreement. Additionally, Maddy Fund legislation has been approved through January 1, 2027.

Performance Measure:

The Agreement includes quarterly and ad hoc reporting requirements in order to analyze the effectiveness of the Maddy Program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ -	\$ -	
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	
Other: Maddy EMS Fund	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 145,000.00	
Total	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 145,000.00	\$ -

This proposed action will establish agreements with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to receive payment distributions from the EMS Maddy Fund for uncompensated care totaling \$145,000. There is no General Fund resources associated with these agreements. The funding and the related appropriations are included in the Public Health Department’s FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget and will be included as part of the subsequent fiscal year recommended budget.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts from this action.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement

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