



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: 07-05-2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Dan Reid, Assistant Deputy Director 681-5173
SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with SEE International, Inc.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a revenue agreement with SEE International, Inc. for ophthalmology services through the Public Health Department for SEE International patients for the term July 5, 2011 through June 30, 2011 in an amount estimated to be up to \$18,720 annually.
- b) Accept the donation of a retinal scanner from SEE International, Inc. for the care of County diabetic patients with a value of approximately \$24,000.

Summary Text:

Approval of Recommendation a) will allow the Public Health Department (PHD) to enter into an agreement with SEE International, Inc. to provide access to SEE International patients for ophthalmology services at the Santa Barbara County Health Care Center. SEE International will provide funding for their patient's ophthalmology services in an amount equivalent to an additional four hours of service per week, provided by Dr. Douglas Jacobson, an existing independent contractor who currently provides ophthalmology services at the Santa Barbara Health Care Center.

County patients will also benefit from the agreement by increased access through the expanded hours of ophthalmology services at the Health Care Center. Additionally, County patients will have limited access to free eye glasses through SEE International.

Approval of b) above will allow PHD to accept, from SEE International, the donation of a new retinal scanner to assist with eye examinations for diabetic patients countywide. Ongoing maintenance of the retinal scanner will be the responsibility of the Public Health Department.

Background: SEE International operates the Santa Barbara Vision Care Program (SBCVP). This program provides free, comprehensive eye examinations to those without any vision care insurance or benefits. In addition, through a partnership with a local eyeglass provider, SEE International provides free eye glasses for their patients in need of this service. SEE International has a significant waiting list of patients for their program and is in need of clinic space and providers to assist with their mission. With the reduction of Medi-Cal vision care services in 2009, many County patients are also in need of eyeglasses.

PHD currently contracts for ophthalmology services for up to eight hours per week with Dr. Jacobson. This agreement would expand Dr. Jacobson's clinic hours to twelve hours per week. This increased access will facilitate the SEE International patients at the Santa Barbara Health Care Center as well as increase flexibility of scheduling for Dr. Jacobson's County patients.

PHD has identified diabetes as a significant contributor to morbidity and early mortality for many County patients in Santa Barbara County. PHD has begun a diabetes project with patients who have diagnosed indications of difficulty in managing their disease. PHD began its diabetes project early in calendar year 2011. The donated retinal scanner will be used in conjunction with PHD's diabetes project to improve health outcomes for diabetic patients. If PHD is able to demonstrate the required CenCal Health service elements and patient outcomes specified for diabetic patients, PHD will receive access to incentive funding. This incentive funding will help to sustain and expand the diabetes project to other County Health Care Centers, including the relocation the retinal scanner for use in these locations.**Performance Measure:**

The PHD has instituted multiple quality measures for diabetes. One such measure is to insure that all diabetic patients have at least one Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) measure each year. HbA1c level is an indication of the patient's ability to manage their disease. A measure of <7.0 HbA1c is an indication of a diabetic patient's good control of their blood sugar levels. This project is directed at those patients that are struggling to achieve this level and includes an initial performance measure of helping 30% of patients, or higher, reach <8.0 HbA1c.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Upon approval of this action by your Board, a budget revision will follow in July 2011, upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Santa Barbara County Operating Plan. At that time, PHD will submit a Budget Revision Request to amend its Family Health and Primary Care Division's Adopted FY 2011-12 budget, found on page D-208, in the amount of \$18,720, for the revenue agreement with SEE International, Inc. to cover the additional four hours per week necessary to implement the expanded ophthalmology services of our independent contractor, Dr. Douglas Jacobson at the Santa Barbara Health Care Center.

Special Instructions:

Please return one original executed Agreement and one Minute Order to: PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110; Attn: Rose Davis

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Attachments:

Agreement between County of Santa Barbara and SEE International

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