



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: ADMHS  
Department No.: 43  
For Agenda Of: 1/23/2007  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimate Time:  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director  
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services  
Contact Info: Marianne Garrity, ADMHS Assistant Director, Administration  
805-681-4092  
**SUBJECT: Daniel Litten, M.D.**

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Action(s):**

1. Approve and execute a professional services contract, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, for \$85,000 for Daniel Litten, MD, a COP, to provide psychiatric services to seriously mentally ill adults in the County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). This contract complies with the County of Santa Barbara Contractor On Payroll Policy dated September 2006 which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2006.
2. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contract, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

**Summary:**

As part of our licensing mandate we are required to maintain qualified on-call professionals to provide an independent review during the use of seclusion and restraint at the County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). **Daniel Litten, MD** will provide on-call staffing services to the PHF on weeknights and weekends, including holidays, as scheduled. His duties will include responding in person to the PHF within one hour from a call or page from PHF staff, and conferring with PHF staff regarding patient diagnosis, any patient behavior requiring seclusion, restraint, or both, and any medication administered to the patient. Dr. Litten has provided these services to the Department's satisfaction since the beginning of FY 05-06 under a previous Purchase Agreement.

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We have simplified our approach to meeting the above mentioned mandate by proposing to eliminate five (5) contracts for on-call professionals, while increasing a contract to one provider, namely Dr. Daniel Litten. Consequently, the Department proposes to increase its use of Dr. Litten's services and to extend his contract through FY 06-07 at a contract value of \$85,000.

This decision was due in no small part to the difficulty to attract qualified candidates to share these duties with Dr. Litten. Despite many attempts at aggressive recruitment, it has proven challenging to find willing, qualified professionals to report within a matter of minutes to our PHF unit no matter what time of day or night they are called.

Dr. Litten currently provides this type of on-call coverage for the PHF, and is willing to extend his services for FY 06-07. With his help we are able to provide the appropriate continuity of care and expert client evaluation required at the PHF. Our contract request is made as part of our ongoing efforts to provide quality services to the community, while safeguarding the rights of the people we serve.

Further, Dr. Litten's increased service demand is indicative of the difficulty of recruiting quality physicians to our area. In previous years utilizing the "Contractor on Payroll" strategy has successfully helped ADMHS meet the needs of a growing population. Extending the contract of Daniel Litten, M.D is critical to meeting our Mandates, Performance Measures and to meeting the needs of an underserved area in our County.

Submission to the Board for approval of this contract, one of five COP's, was held up due to the development of the Contractor on Payroll Policy process that began in June 2006. This contract complies with the County of Santa Barbara Contractor On Payroll Policy dated September 2006 which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2006. Dr. Litten's services continued uninterrupted from last fiscal year due to the legal mandates that govern ADMHS services.

**Performance Measures**

The **Daniel Litten, M.D.** contract helps ADMHS meet **Recurring Performance Measure (RPM) 0215** to provide effective mental health care to 4,200 seriously mentally ill adults. In an effort to evaluate and manage mental health symptoms of patients hospitalized in the Psychiatric Health Facility, Dr. Litten will provide on-call services to approximately 16 patients on a daily basis.

Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted:  Yes  No

**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- Realignment	\$ 37,479.00		
Federal	\$ 112,436.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 149,915.00	\$ -	\$ -

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Narrative:

The recommended action has no impact on the General Fund Contribution. This contract is funded by Medi-Cal, Medicare and Realignment. These funding sources are identified in the Adopted FY 2006-07 Budget, under Federal and State Funding, Medi-Cal, line item 5404; Medicare, line item 5402 and, Realignment, line item 4102 in the County Budget Book, Hospital and Jail Services Division page D-144.

These actions will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

**Staffing Analysis**

**Legal Positions:**

NA

**FTEs:**

.49

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of the contract and endorsed minute order to:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

ATTN: Contracts Office

300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 3

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**Attachments:**

FY 06/07 Contract for Daniel Litten, M.D.

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**

James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director ADMHS