

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**

**Prepared on:** 7/1/03  
**Department:** Public Health  
**Budget Unit:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** 7/22/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, MPA, Director  
Public Health Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jane Overbaugh, Deputy Director  
Primary Care and Family Health Division  
681-5173

**SUBJECT:** Revenue Agreement for Lompoc Pediatric Clinic

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute the Agreement with Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization (LVCHO) for increased access to primary pediatric care in the Lompoc community, for the period January 1, 2003 to August 31, 2003, in the amount of \$183,938.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

This recommendation aligns with Goal VII: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization (LVCHO) was created because community leaders, health care providers, employers, and interested citizens joined together to develop an integrated rural health system as part of a James Irvine Foundation three-year grant from 1997 to 2000. The LVCHO incorporated as a non-profit entity and has continued to successfully obtain grant funds for health-related projects. The mission of the LVCHO is to improve the health of the community by assuring local access to a coordinated system of health promotion, disease prevention and treatment services available to all.

The recent retirement of one of the few pediatricians in private practice in Lompoc who accepted Medi-Cal eligible children left over 3,000 children without a primary care provider. To address this need, the LVCHO and the Public Health Department came together, because no other private providers could assume the responsibility for the care for this population. As a result, the Public Health Department has hired a pediatrician and is building an approximate 7,600 square foot expansion of the County Health Clinic – Lompoc to accommodate the increased patient demand. Until the expansion is complete in June 2004, a

temporary trailer will be used, along with other temporary measures, to accommodate the new patients and staff.

In addition, LVCHO applied for and received a community access program grant from the federal Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to increase access to primary pediatric care for 3,000 uninsured or publicly insured patients in the Lompoc community. The grant budget includes start up costs of support staff, equipment, and supplies necessary to support an additional full time pediatrician in the County Health Clinic –Lompoc. The expanded pediatric services will be sustainable after the grant period ends because of Medi-Cal reimbursement for the new patients under its Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status.

Your Board is requested to execute the Agreement with LVCHO for increased access to primary pediatric care in the Lompoc community, for the period January 1, 2003 to August 31, 2003 in the amount of \$183,938. LVCHO will provide one block payment to the Public Health Department on July 31, 2003.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The assurance of access to primary care services for indigent patients is 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:**

This action will not increase the use of general fund contribution by the Public Health Department. If adopted by your Board, this \$183,938 of funding will be used to offset the approximate \$162,334 annual cost of a 1.0 FTE full-time Pediatrician with call responsibilities at Lompoc Valley Hospital. The remainder of the funding will be used for the costs of the trailer and the other temporary space-enhancing measures needed to accommodate the increased patient load.

These funds have been appropriated as part of the Public Health Department's FY 03-04 Adopted budget and can be found on page D-180 of the County's FY 03-04 Operating Plan in the Lompoc Regional Clinics cost center.

This action will result in a need for increased facility space. A temporary trailer is being used until the Lompoc facility expansion is completed.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one signed copy to PHD Administration, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: J. Cioppa.

**Concurrence:** None required.