



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: August 20, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Pediatric Trauma Care Richie's Fund Distribution Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

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 a First Amendment to the Agreement between the Public Health Department and the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Level II Pediatric Trauma Center to receive Richie's Funds to continue providing care to pediatric trauma patients and to extend the Agreement for five months to December 31, 2019.
- b) Determine that this action is not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended action is a government fiscal activity which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to execute a First Amendment to extend the Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to receive disbursements from the County's Maddy Fund for an additional five months. The total dollar amount has not changed and this First Amendment will allow the Public Health Department (PHD) to continue to distribute pediatric trauma funds through Maddy Fund legislation to support local pediatric trauma services, as designated by the California Health and Safety Code Chapter 2.5 Section 1797.98a-1797.98g. The extension will allow the EMS Agency and Cottage Health Systems to negotiate a new agreement for longer terms.

Background:

In 2008 the Board approved a resolution to implement Senate Bill 1236 (Padilla), subsequently extended by SB867 (Roth), which is one of the legislative bills that established a Maddy fund for Santa Barbara County which requires that fifteen (15%) of the funds collected be allocated to support pediatric trauma services. The Pediatric Trauma funds, or Richie's Fund, are used to support pediatric trauma care by increasing access to, and coordination of, pediatric trauma care services. (California Health & Safety Code § 1797.98a (e).)

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is designated as a Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center in the County. In addition to being the local Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital has an established Children's Medical Center and the only state approved Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in the County. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, as a Pediatric Trauma Center, is eligible to receive Richie's Funds that have been collected to support pediatric trauma services in our County. Based on this criteria and a longstanding proven capability as a Trauma Center, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is an appropriate entity to receive the Richie's Funds in Santa Barbara County.

The funds will continue to be distributed according to the milestones and timelines listed in the agreement to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital as the Level II Pediatric Trauma Center in support of pediatric trauma care throughout our County.

Performance Measure:

Pediatric trauma services performance measures are included in the Scope of Work of the Richie's Fund Agreement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

This First Amendment will extend the contract with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for an additional five months, without changing the total contract amount not to exceed \$598,000. There will not be an increase to the contract amount as a result of the First Amendment and therefore there is no fiscal impact. Per the Agreement, payments to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital are contingent upon receipt of funds. The allotment is included in the Public Health Department's FY 19-20 adopted budget.

Key Contract Risks:

Per the County's Service Contract and Grant Compliance Management Policy, staff evaluated the risks of this contract which was assessed to be medium risk for the following reasons: Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is the only designated Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center in the county, the term of the agreement will be extended by five months for a total of three years and ten months to support trauma care, and department funding through Maddy Fund legislation could potentially decrease in future years. However, the Agreement includes a termination for convenience clause.

The Public Health Department feels these risks are acceptable, however, due to a long standing relationship with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Moreover, the County is required to use Richie Funds for Pediatric trauma services. The Maddy Fund legislation, established in 1997, has previously been a stable funding source for the department, and funding for this Agreement is contingent upon available funding through the Richie Fund as stated in the terms of the agreement. The Agreement includes a termination for non-appropriation clause.

Staffing Impacts:

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

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) originals of the First Amendment to the Richie Fund Agreement and retain one (1) original Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. First Amendment to the Richie Fund Services Agreement
- B. Richie Fund Services Agreement

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