

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement (Lester Reffigee, M.D.)

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## **Recommendation(s):**

### **That the Board of Supervisors:**

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to Agreement BC-06-035 with Lester Reffigee, M.D. (a local vendor) in the amount of \$488,481 extending the period ending date to June 30, 2008, adding Recurring Performance Measures and clarifying miscellaneous administrative provisions, for a total in the amount of \$698,481.

### **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

### **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Public Health Department, in accordance with State mandates, provides medical care to those individuals who would otherwise not be able to access the local health care system. Physicians, along with other professionals, provide primary medical care and perform administrative duties to ensure that the County fulfills those mandated services.

Agreement BC-06-035 was executed July 15, 2005 with Lester Reffigee, M.D. for the provision of professional obstetrical and gynecological medical services at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$210,000. The First Amendment to the Agreement adjusted the termination, compensation and insurance provisions.

The Agreement provides for clinic care and hospital care services, which include normal deliveries, cesarean sections, emergency and on-call emergency gynecological procedures, and emergency room visits.

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Dr. Reffigee has continued to provide excellent medical care both in the Santa Maria Women's clinic and at Marian hospital therefore the Board is requested to approve and execute the Second Amendment effective May 1, 2006.

The requested Second Amendment extends the term for two years, adjusts the compensation for \$239,339 in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and \$249,142 in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. It also adds Recurring Performance Measures and clarifies miscellaneous administrative provisions.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The provision of primary care services are 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:**

Because this recommendation is already contained within the Department's FY 2005-2006 adopted budget, it will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

The costs for physician services are reimbursed from the State and Federal governments as a result of the County being a Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing services for Medi-Cal and Medicare patients, and from State Realignment funding for Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) patient services.

The funding for this Agreement is contained as part of the Public Health Department's FY 2005-2006 adopted budget and can be found on page D-186 of the County's FY 2005-2006 Operating Plan Document in the Santa Maria Women's Health Center cost center.

The appropriation to fund the contract for FY 2006-2007 is included in the Department's FY 2006-2007 Recommended budget.

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

**Special Instructions:** Please send one copy of the signed Agreement and one Minute Order copy to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew.

**Concurrence:** None required.