

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**STAFF:** Michael D. Harris

**CONTACT:** Primary Care and Family Health Division  
Public Health Department 681-5214

**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Agreement (Peter Singson, MD, PC)

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## **Recommendation(s):**

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

Approve and execute the agreement with Peter Singson, MD, PC, a local vendor, to provide professional obstetrical and gynecological (OB/GYN) medical services at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center for the period January 19, 2004 through July 31, 2004, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

### **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.

In order to ensure full staffing for the Santa Maria Women's Health Center, the Public Health Department contracted with Dr. Peter Singson beginning in January of FY 03/04 to provide clinic as well as extensive on-call services. As your Board is aware, there is a critical shortage of OB/GYN physicians to provide coverage for the services required by the Public Health Department in the Santa Maria region. Because other community physicians were not available to continue to provide the on-call services, Dr. Singson provided significant on-call coverage that kept the department from being forced to use commercial substitute services ("locums") that are significantly more expensive.

During FY 2003-2004 Dr. Singson was contracted under a \$99,500 Purchasing contract. There is a need for an additional \$50,000 to compensate Dr. Singson for his services through July 31, 2004. The

augmentation is needed to compensate Dr. Singson for on-call and clinic services provided through July 31, 2004.

Your Board is requested to execute an agreement with Peter Singson, MD, PC, for the provision of OB/GYN medical care services for the Santa Maria Women's Health Center, for the period from January 19, 2004 through July 31, 2004, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. This amount is in addition to the \$99,500 Purchasing contract services that have already been billed and paid in 03-04.

Since Dr. Singson's initial contract, the department has also contracted with two other full-time contracted physicians and two other part-time physicians; this has reduced the impact to Dr. Singson and the department. These increased expenditures associated with Dr. Singson are included in the department's adopted FY 2003-2004 budget and the FY 2004-05 approved budget.

**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 of indigents.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Because funding for this recommendation is already contained within the Department's FY 2003-2004 adopted budget and the FY 2004-05 approved 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 contract is contained as part of the Public Health Department's FY 2003-04 adopted budget and can be found on page D-180 of the County's FY 2003-04 Operating Plan and on page D-184 of the County's FY 2004-05 Operating Plan under the Santa Maria Regional Clinic cost center.

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

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

**Concurrence:** None.