

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement (California Nursing Services)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute Agreement with California Nursing Services, a local vendor, to provide trained nursing personnel on a temporary basis at the County Health Clinics, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

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. Nursing personnel, along with other professionals, provide primary medical care and perform administrative duties to ensure that the County fulfills those mandated services. Like other local health providers, the PHD experiences significant difficulties in hiring qualified nursing staff because of the ongoing national nursing shortage. In order to ensure full staffing for the County Health Clinics, the Public Health Department contracts with agencies to provide temporary nursing staff to backfill for regularly scheduled Registered Nurses, Licensed Vocational Nurses and Certified Medical Assistants on an as-needed basis.

Your Board is requested to execute an Agreement with California Nursing Services, a local vendor, to provide trained nursing personnel on a temporary basis at the County Health Clinics, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Since the beginning of this fiscal year, California Nursing Services has been providing temporary nursing personnel under a \$99,999 purchasing contract to backfill for ordinance nursing personnel and other contract positions. Based upon the rate of expenditures, it is anticipated that the vendor will reach the maximum limit of its purchasing

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contract by the middle of November 2003. Approval of this requested Agreement will allow the vendor to continue providing services in FY 2003-2004. There are no changes in the terms and conditions from the California Nursing Services' Purchasing contract. These increased expenditures associated with California Nursing Services are included in the department's adopted FY 2003-2004 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.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Because this recommendation is already contained within the Department's FY 2003-2004 adopted budget, it will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

The costs for nursing personnel 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 in the Lompoc, Santa Maria, Carpinteria/Franklin, and Calle Real Regional Clinics' cost centers.

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

Special Instructions: Please send one signed copy and one certified Minute Order to PHD Administration, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: J. Cioppa.

Concurrence: None.