

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement (Carolyn Griffith, M.D.)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and execute First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement BC-05-185 for the provision of professional obstetrical and gynecological medical services at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center, with Carolyn Griffith, M.D., a local vendor, to adjust the termination, compensation and insurance provisions.

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.

On July 12, 2005 the Board executed an agreement with Carolyn Griffith, M.D. to provide professional obstetrical and gynecological medical services at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center for the period June 20, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

The Board is requested to approve and execute the First Amendment to Agreement BC-05-185 with Carolyn Griffith, M.D., to:

- Extend the termination notice clause to 90 ninety days;

- Change the provision from County may, to County shall compensate Dr. Griffith for increased productivity and outcomes. The \$100,000 not to exceed amount of Agreement BC-05-185 will not change as a result of this requested amendment; and,
- Clarify that the County will cover malpractice claims after Dr. Griffith's Agreement has terminated, to the extent that a claim is made for an act or omission that occurred while Dr. Griffith was acting within the course and scope of the Agreement.

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.

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

Special Instructions: Please send one copy of the signed Amendment and one Minute Order copy to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew 805-681-5205.

Concurrence: None required.