

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 7/11/05  
**Department Name:** Public Health Department  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** 7/26/05  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Public Health Department

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Primary Care and Family Health Division  
Public Health Department 681-5173

**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Agreement (Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C.)

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and execute an agreement with Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C., a local vendor, to provide obstetrical and gynecological services in the Public Health Department's South Coast and Lompoc regions for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in amount not to exceed \$698,540.

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

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goals No. 2., "A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit" and No. 5, "A High Quality of Life for All Residents".

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Public Health Department has enjoyed a strong and effective obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN) program by contracting with Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C. The Department needs the services of a physician to act as a lead with the local physician community for the program. The Contractor ensures that physicians staff all clinics pertinent to these services. The Contractor provides clinic services and manages the services of these providers and ensures that quality care is provided for approximately 500 deliveries per year. The Contractor provides 24 hours-per-day, 7 days per-week, 365 days-per-year coverage for the South Coast region with the participation and cooperation of private obstetricians. The Contractor provides partial on-call coverage for the Lompoc region. Over the past six years this vast network of local providers, overseen and managed by Dr. Bines, has proven effective and of significant benefit to the patients and the County.

The Contractor provides supervision to mid-level practitioners (nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants) with the OB/GYN Program and also prepares policies and procedures for the Medical Director's review.

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**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The assurance of access to primary care services for indigent patients is 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. In addition, access for obstetrical and gynecological services for Medi-Cal patients is a requirement for primary care clinics with status as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This requested Agreement will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department. There will also be no impact to the Department's indirect costs or use of A87 Plan County overhead. Funding for the deliveries comes from the Medi-Cal program because the overwhelming majority of women in the program are Medi-Cal eligible. A very small amount of the funding is derived from self-pay patient fees and Realignment.

The FY 05-06 allotment is included in the Calle Real, Franklin/Carpinteria, and Lompoc regional clinic cost centers of the Family Health and Primary Care Division shown on page D-186 of the adopted County Operating Plan for FY 2005-2006.

There is no impact on facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one copy of the executed Agreement along with a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **Attention: Dawn McGrew (805) 681 5205.**

**Concurrence:**

None Required.