



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 6, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Carrie Topliffe, Interim Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: **First Amendment to the Medical Doctors Associates Professional Service Agreement**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors consider the following:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the professional services Agreement with Medical Doctors Associates (MDA) (Attachment A) to provide locum tenens coverage for the period of May 15, 2016 through June 30, 2018 with an increased amount of \$500,000 for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$850,000; and
- b) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for approval to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Medical Doctors Associates (MDA) for medical provider services. Due to an unexpected leave of absence, an additional locum tenens physician was needed. MDA provided an appropriate physician without delay preventing an interruption to patient access to health care in the Santa Maria area. This additional provider resulted in the contract reaching the maximum amount before the term date. The County Public Health Department (PHD) is requesting the Board approve a First Amendment for the period May 15, 2016 through June 30, 2018 to increase the amount by \$500,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$850,000 to cover expenditures through the remainder of the term for locum tenens services while recruiting for regular positions at the Lompoc Health Care Center and other physician vacancies

as needed. This First Amendment will also ensure newly placed locum tenens are compliant with the PHD vaccine policy as it pertains to providers working in the PHD health care centers by amending the Agreement to remove Exhibit A-1, Section vii and replace it with Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap) and Seasonal Influenza.

Background:

PHD operates five health care centers and three shelter-based clinics throughout Santa Barbara County to provide medical services to the uninsured and underinsured members of our communities. PHD’s physicians who are regular County employees provide the greater part of the physician services. On some occasions, when there are physician vacancies, the recruitment process can take some time. In order to continue to provide services, PHD has contracted with firms who recruit and place physicians on a temporarily basis. These physicians are known as “locum tenens.”

The locum tenens rates include the cost of the physician services and local transportation. The contracted services do not replace physician employee positions, but serve as fill-ins on a temporary basis during the recruitment process. The recruitment of qualified family practice, internal medicine or pediatric physicians is a highly competitive and a difficult process, often taking months. Using the services provided by a locum tenens service, assists PHD in minimizing patient wait times and assists in reducing the number of patients seeking care at local emergency departments.

Additionally, this First Amendment ensures newly placed locum tenens comply with PHD’s vaccine policy. PHD requires all employees and contractors working in direct contact with patients to provide documentation of appropriate immunizations. The purpose of this policy is to minimize the risk of infection to patients, contractors and employees.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	
Federal	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 255,000.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 425,000.00	\$ -

There is no use of general fund dollars associated with this request. The services of the locum tenens physicians generate patient service revenues from Medi-Cal, Medicare, and other public programs which pay for the cost of the contract.

Key Contract Risks:

PHD has a long standing relationship with MDA since 2003, and they have provided quality service to PHD. MDA provides malpractice coverage for their physicians. The Agreement has a termination for convenience clause and authorizes the County to dismiss any Professional for any reason.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

0

FTEs:

0

There are no staffing impacts.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original First Amendments with Medical Doctors Associates and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org, when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. First Amendment to the Medical Doctors Associates Professional Service Agreement
- B. Medical Doctors Associates Professional Service Agreement

Authored by:

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