



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: 03/06/2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
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Primary Care & Family Health Division 681-5252
SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement (Carolyn Griffith, M.D.)

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes No

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Fourth Amendment to the professional services agreement (BC-05-185) with Carolyn Griffith, M.D. (a local vendor) in the amount of \$171,683 to adjust the number of contract hours and related professional fees, for a total in the amount of \$671,246.

Summary:

This item requests authorization of the Fourth Amendment to Carolyn Griffith, M.D.'s contract. The amendment increases the number of contract hours and related professional fees to provide obstetrical and gynecological (OB/GYN) services in the Public Health Department clinics and share in a 1-in-4-call schedule. (The increased contract hours would make up for the loss due to the resignation of Dr. Boelter in January 2007.) This amendment makes an adjustment to reflect the reduction in the number of contract physicians that are available to provide service to the Santa Maria Women's Center. The total not-to-exceed amount (\$671,246) is for the period of June 20, 2005-June 30, 2008.

Background

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.

The Santa Maria Women's Center was opened in 2003 and is staffed with Physicians, Nurses and Medical Assistants who provide Obstetrical/Gynecological services to approximately 15,000 patient visits each year.

Performance Measures:

The following recurring performance measure will be reported quarterly:

- 92% of all County deliveries will weigh at least 2,500 grams.
- 95% of all County deliveries will receive a post partum visit within 14 days.

Two goals for the OB/GYN Program are: (1) No malpractice claims, and (2) Establish continuity of care for patients by setting up an appointment with a Pediatrician prior to delivery. Every effort should be made to explain and encourage use of the County system for continuity purposes.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

This recommendation will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

The costs for these Obstetric physician services are fully 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 2006-2007 adopted budget and can be found on page D-180 of the County's FY 2006-2007 Operating Plan Document in the Santa Maria Women's Health Center cost center. Funding for the subsequent fiscal year will be incorporated into the department's FY 2007-2008 recommended budget.

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

Staffing Impact(s):

<u>Legal Positions:</u>	<u>FTEs:</u>
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Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of executed Agreement and a minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

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