



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: May 19, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Fourth Amendment to OCHIN Master System Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the Fourth Amendment to the Master System Agreement with Oregon Community Health Information Network (OCHIN) to exercise the option to extend the term of the Agreement through March 30, 2022 and to increase funding by \$1,765,000 for the additional two year period for a revised total amount not to exceed \$5,360,000 (Attachment A).
- b) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the action consists of the creation of a government funding mechanism, 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 the Fourth Amendment to exercise the first of three options to extend the Agreement for an additional two years through March 30, 2022 and to increase funding by \$1,765,000 for the additional two year period for a revised total amount not to exceed \$5,360,000.

Background:

The Agreement with OCHIN was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 21, 2017. Under the Agreement, OCHIN has provided a combined practice management system and electronic medical record (EMR) system, and professional services. PHD requires OCHIN’s continued support to maintain the practice management and EMR system.

OCHIN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health center-controlled network with over 500 current member organizations. OCHIN members are community health centers including more than 100 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), FQHC look-alikes, rural, and school-based health centers. The advantages of being an OCHIN member include OCHIN’s services of a full complement of the assessment, training, implementation, support, clinical oversight, quality improvement, and meaningful use efforts that PHD requires to improve productivity and performance issues. OCHIN optimizes Epic’s EHR modules for its members. OCHIN also supports PHD efforts in population health management and patient centered medical homes whereby OCHIN enhances the PHD’s secure health information exchange capabilities and web-based patient portals that let patients and doctors communicate easily, safely, and securely over the Internet.

Performance Measure:

The OCHIN EMR contains tools and functionality to restrict access to highly sensitive patient care and treatment information (e.g. substance abuse treatment information) and has the ability to document each individual that has accessed the EMR and the information they have viewed.

PHD and the Outside Entities are mutually responsible for maintaining patient protected information from unauthorized access and improper disclosure of this information.

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			
Federal	\$ 69,300.00	\$ 292,000.00	
Patient Service Fees	\$ 140,700.00	\$ 590,000.00	
Total	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 882,000.00	\$ -

Approval of these recommendations will allow the department to continue its membership in OCHIN and its use of the OCHIN-supplied Epic Electronic Health Record and Practice Management system at an estimated cost of approximately \$882,000 per year. These costs are funded by a combination of Federal Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) grant funds and generated patient service fees from Medi-Cal, Medicare, and other public programs.

Key Contract Risks:

OCHIN is a large and successful health information network, serving more than 10,000 providers operating in 47 states.

While a project of this scope does present the potential for risk, our yearlong plan towards implementation and the initial two years post implementation have ensured that the risks are mitigated through OCHIN's experience, our significant testing and utilization of the system and efficient project management. More than 50% of the funding to support this Agreement originates from healthcare reimbursements from Medicare and Medi-Cal which have been stable funding sources.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Fourth Amendments to the Agreement with OCHIN and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Fourth Amendment to the OCHIN Professional Services Agreement
- B. Third Amendment to the OCHIN Professional Services Agreement
- C. Second Amendment to the OCHIN Professional Services Agreement
- D. First Amendment to the OCHIN Professional Services Agreement
- E. OCHIN Professional Services Agreement

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