

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: March 24, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: **Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C.**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C. (a local vendor) to update terms of the current agreement to provide obstetrical and gynecological services in the Santa Barbara, Franklin, Carpinteria and Lompoc Public Health Clinics for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, with no change in the current maximum amount not to exceed \$2,008,156.
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since this is a government fiscal activity that does not involve commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C. to provide obstetrical and gynecological services in the Santa Barbara, Franklin, Carpinteria, and Lompoc Public Health Clinics. This Amendment updates the network of eligible providers that may provide surgical and deliver coverage at the local hospitals and clarifies requirements for these providers to maintain appropriate credentials and privileges for services provided at these hospitals.

Background/Contract History

PHD has enjoyed a successful history with Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C. for provision of these services. The quality and commitment from Dr. Bines and his team of providers and health care practitioners to serve the uninsured and underserved have produced quality outcomes for the County's most vulnerable populations. The Public Health Department (PHD), in accordance with State mandates, provides medical care to many community individuals who would otherwise not be able to access the local health care system. Physicians provide primary medical care and perform administrative duties to ensure that the County fulfills those mandated services.

This requested Second Amendment updates the provider network in the Agreement and clarifies requirements for these providers to obtain and maintain their credentialing and privileging approvals at the local hospitals. There are no projected service changes or other changes to the term or conditions of this Agreement from this Second Amendment.

Performance Measure:

Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C. has agreed to practice effective and high quality medicine and agrees to establish and define measurements of quality indicators beyond those currently in place in an effort to meet contemporary quality measurements and indicators of outcomes, which can be monitored and reported. The following measures have been implemented:

- An Absence of Tort claims against MDs and clinic;
- An 8% increase in OB and Pediatric patient visits in FY 13/14 and a 10% increase in these visits for FY 14/15;
- No more than 1% unreimbursable claims for OB ultrasounds.

Key Contract Risks:

PHD has worked with Dr. Bines and his network of other OB/GYN providers for many years. It is a credit to Dr. Bines and the other physicians in his network that high quality of care for PHD patients in our Health Care Centers and at local hospitals is provided. The most significant risk would be if Dr. Bines were to retire or dissolve his arrangements with his current network of providers. The largest risk would be to the coverage for deliveries and unscheduled surgeries.

This is somewhat mitigated for PHD patients seen at the County Health Care Centers as there are adequate health care practitioners to continue to see patients; however, additional internal oversight (attending physician) of the health care practitioner activities would be required. PHD would likely need to contract directly with OB/GYN providers in the community to provide surgical and hospital coverage. There is capacity within the community for this as well as hospitalists at Cottage Hospital. The key would be the ability to get these agreements in place quickly enough to avoid gaps in PHD patient coverage.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

This action does not result in any net change to the associated costs for this agreement.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) originals of Second Amendment for Services of Independent Contractor Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C. and retain one (1) original Second Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

1. Second Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C.
2. First Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C.
3. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor Lawrence J. Bines, M.D., P.C.

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