



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 17, 2011
Placement: Administrative
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH Director/Health Officer
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SUBJECT: Trauma Center Designation Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and Distribution of Pediatric Trauma Care (“Richie”) Fund

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 approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital as a Level II Trauma Center for the period beginning July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015.

Summary Text:

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1798.165, gives the County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency the authority to designate trauma facilities as part of their trauma care system pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the State of California EMS Authority. The law also states “all designated trauma centers shall have a written agreement with the local emergency medical services system”.

The Agreement before your Board updates the original Trauma Center Designation agreement and outlines the standards that Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH) is required to meet as a Level II Trauma Center, according to California Code of Regulations, Title 22 Social Security, Division 9, Chapter 7, Trauma Care System. The EMS Agency Medical Director approved and designated SBCH as a Level II Trauma Center in 2001 under the authority granted by Title 22, California Code of Regulations. As a designated Level II Trauma Center, SBCH has agreed to provide funding (\$125,000 beginning July 2011 and annually thereafter) to the EMS Agency to support the administration and oversight of the County’s trauma program.

The Agreement establishes two mechanisms regarding funding: 1) payment from SBCH to the County EMS Agency for the oversight and maintenance of the trauma system; and 2) the process for distributing funds to SBCH in support of pediatric trauma services in accordance with the Pediatric Trauma “Richie” fund.

In 2008 your Board approved a resolution to implement Senate Bill 1236 (Padilla). SB 1236 established a mechanism to collect fines and forfeitures in California as part of the Emergency Medical Services Maddy Fund and required the establishment of a Pediatric Trauma Fund using a portion of the money collected. The Pediatric Trauma Fund, known as the “Richie” fund, was to be used to support pediatric trauma care by increasing access to, and coordination of, pediatric trauma care services.

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is the only designated trauma center in the County and the only hospital between Los Angeles and the bay area that has a state approved Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). This Agreement continues the designation of SBCH as a Level II Trauma Center, thereby making it eligible to receive the “Richie” funds in support of its pediatric trauma services. EMS Policy # 120, “Pediatric Trauma Care “Richie” Fund Distribution” (attached) establishes the distribution mechanism for these funds.

Background:

Traumatic injuries remain the leading cause of death for individuals under 45 years of age in the United States. SBCH Trauma Center had 1,659 trauma activations in 2010. Fifty of these patients had injuries so severe that they would have died if not for the comprehensive trauma care system in Santa Barbara.

On March 21, 1999, your Board approved Santa Barbara County’s Trauma System Plan based on the State Trauma System Regulations. The Plan provides the framework needed to establish a formalized, inclusive system of care for injured patients. The County EMS Agency has worked with all hospitals and all EMS system providers to establish trauma specific policies and procedures. A performance improvement process is also in place to ensure a quality trauma system for Santa Barbara County.

On June 26, 2001, your Board approved an agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital as a Level II Trauma Center. That agreement has expired and needs to be renewed. Division 2.5, Section 1798.165 of the Health and Safety Code gives the local County EMS Agency the authority to designate trauma facilities as part of their trauma care system pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the State EMS Authority. Level II Trauma Center designation requires that a hospital have equipment, staff, and resources immediately available to meet and treat a critically injured person. SBCH continues to meet these requirements and has undergone stringent review by the American College of Surgeons Trauma Review Team to verify compliance to the required standards.

The Board approved a resolution to implement Senate Bill 1236 (Padilla) which is one of the legislative bills that established a Maddy fund for Santa Barbara County which also provided that a portion of the funds collected be allocated into a “Richie” fund to support pediatric trauma services. The fund has a current balance of \$138,571, all of which will be distributed to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital as the Level II Trauma Center to support pediatric trauma care according to EMS Policy #120.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Under this Agreement, SBCH agrees to pay \$125,000 for services provided by the EMS Agency for oversight, administration and maintenance of the trauma system program. For FY 2011-12, these funds are included as part of the recommended Public Health Department budget. In addition, SBCH is

projected to receive \$138,571 from the “Richie” fund for FY 2011-12 as the County’s designated Trauma Center following EMS Policy #120 Pediatric Trauma Care “Richie” fund distribution.

Staffing Impacts:

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

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) executed original Agreement for Services with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System and one copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Attachments:

1. Agreement for Services between Santa Barbara County and Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Level II Trauma Center Designation of Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.
2. EMS Agency Policy #120

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