

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**

**Prepared on:** 11/13/02  
**Department:** Public Health  
**Budget Unit:** 041  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, MPA, Director  
Public Health Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jane Overbaugh, Director  
Primary Care and Family Health Division  
681-5173

**SUBJECT:** Revenue Agreement for Lompoc Pediatric Clinic

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Executive the Agreement with Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization (LVCHO) for increased access to primary pediatric care in the Lompoc community, for the period January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003, in the amount of \$86,794.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

This recommendation aligns with Goal VII: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization (LVCHO) was created because community leaders, health care providers, employers, and interested citizens joined together to develop an integrated rural health system as part of a James Irvine Foundation three-year grant from 1997 to 2000. The LVCHO incorporated as a non-profit entity and has continued to successfully obtain grant funds for health-related projects. The mission of the LVCHO is to improve the health of the community by assuring local access to a coordinated system of health promotion, disease prevention and treatment services available to all.

One of the few pediatricians in private practice in Lompoc who accepts Medi-Cal children has announced his retirement. When he retires, approximately 1,200 Medi-Cal children will be reassigned to the County as their primary care provider. The LVCHO and the Public Health Department held discussions to assess how this urgent need could best be met, because no other providers could assume the responsibility for the care for this population. The Public Health Department is planning to hire a pediatrician and build a 7,600 square foot expansion of the County Health Clinic – Lompoc to accommodate the increased patient demand. Until the expansion is complete in late 2003, a temporary trailer will be used.

LVCHO, applied for, and received a community access program grant from the federal Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to increase access to primary pediatric care for 1,200 uninsured or publicly insured patients in the Lompoc community. The grant budget includes start up costs of support staff, equipment, and supplies necessary to support an additional full time pediatrician in the County Health Clinic –Lompoc. The expanded pediatric services will be sustainable because the County Health Clinic is eligible for cost-based reimbursement for Medi-Cal patients under its Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status.

Your Board is requested to execute the Agreement with LVCHO for increased access to primary pediatric care in the Lompoc community, for the period January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$86,794. LVCHO will provide two block payments to the Public Health Department of \$46,794 and \$40,000 on January 1, 2003 and April 1, 2003 respectively.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The assurance of access to primary care services for indigent patients is mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1276, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503 and 2505; California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1; and Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. In addition, access for pediatric services for Medi-Cal patients is a requirement for primary care clinics with status as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) under CFR 42.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This action will not increase the use of general fund contribution by the Public Health Department. If adopted by your Board, this \$86,794 of funding will be used to offset part of the approximate \$162,334 cost of a 1.0 FTE full-time Pediatrician with call responsibilities at Lompoc Valley Hospital. The remainder of the funding for the Pediatrician and for the temporary trailer will come from the Medi-Cal revenue generated by the provision of pediatric patient services, as these children are Medi-Cal eligible and are assigned to the clinic by the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority.

These costs are part of the Public Health Department's FY 2002-03 adopted budget and can be found in the County's FY 2002-03 Operating Plan in the Lompoc Regional Clinic cost center on Page D-170.

This action will result in a need for increased facility space. A temporary trailer will be used until the Lompoc facility expansion is completed.

**Special Instructions:**

Return one copy of the executed Agreement to the Public Health Department, Calle Real Campus, Attention: Dawn McGrew.

**Concurrence:** None required.