

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Public Health Department

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Public Health Department 681-5214

SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement (Pamela Yee, M.D.)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute Agreement with Pamela Yee, M.D., Contractor On Payroll, to provide professional medical services at the County Health Clinics, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 plus benefits, for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

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. In order to ensure full staffing for the County Health Clinics the Public Health Department contracts with substitute providers to backfill for regularly scheduled providers on an as-needed basis.

Your Board is requested to execute an Agreement with Pamela Yee, M.D., for the provision of primary medical care services in the County Health Clinics, as a substitute Contractor on Payroll, for the period from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 plus benefits. Since the beginning of this current fiscal year, Dr. Pamela Yee has been providing services under a \$24,999 Purchasing contract to backfill for ordinance physicians and other contracted positions. As your Board is aware, there have been multiple ordinance physician vacancies in Santa Maria. Dr. Yee has provided significant fill-in for these vacancies to an extent that she will reach the maximum limit of her Purchasing contract. Approval of this requested Agreement will allow her to continue providing services in

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FY 2003-2004. There are no changes in the terms and conditions from Dr. Yee's Purchasing contract. Dr. Yee's willingness to provide fill-in services kept the department from being forced to use commercial substitute services ("locums") that are significantly more expensive. These increased expenditures associated with Dr. Yee are included in the department's adopted FY 2003-2004 budget.

The Agreement with Dr. Yee calls for her to attend and staff assigned hours at designated County Health Clinics as scheduled at an hourly rate of pay plus provide stand-by call coverage as mutually agreed. The approximated costs of benefits are calculated at \$3,600 and include the Employer's share of Federal Medicare Health Insurance, County Worker's Compensation Insurance, and Malpractice Insurance. This does not represent additional compensation to the Contractor.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The provision of primary care services are 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.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Because this recommendation is already contained within the Department's FY 2003-2004 adopted budget, it will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

The costs for physician services are 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 2003-04 adopted budget and can be found on page D-180 of the County's FY 2003-04 Operating Plan in the Santa Maria Regional Clinic cost center.

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

Special Instructions: Please send one signed copy to PHD Administration, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: J. Cioppa.

Concurrence: None.