



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:** December 14, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD  
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**SUBJECT:** **Ninth Amendment for Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center Designation Revenue Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital; Seventh Amendment for Level III Adult Trauma Center Designation Revenue Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center**

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**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 and authorize the Chair to execute a Ninth Amendment to the Agreement for Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center Designation with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to add \$184,258, and to extend the term for twelve (12) months through December 31, 2022 at a 2% increase; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Level III Adult Trauma Center Designation to add \$63,401, and to extend the term for twelve (12) months through December 31, 2022 (Attachment J) at a 2% increase; and
- c) Determine that the proposed actions do 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 actions consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms 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 to execute a Ninth Amendment with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH) (Attachment A) and a Seventh Amendment with Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC) (Attachment C) to extend the Agreements for Trauma Center Designation. California 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 Trauma Care System requires that all designated trauma centers have a written agreement with the local EMS Agency. (22 CCR § 100255(g).)

**Background:**

Traumatic injuries continue to be the leading cause of death for individuals under 45 years of age in the United States. In fact, since 2011 there have been over 23,000 trauma patients have been treated in Santa Barbara County's Trauma System. The Santa Barbara County Trauma System, supported by our Level I Adult Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center at SBCH and our Level III Adult Trauma Center at MRMC treated 2,590 patients in 2020. Pediatric patients account for 5.9% of those treated. In 2020, 206 (8.0%) of these patients endured injuries meeting the most severe criteria (ISS greater than 15), putting them at a high risk for death without the care provided by the comprehensive trauma system in Santa Barbara County.

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.

The EMS Agency initially approved and designated SBCH as a Level II Adult Trauma Center in 2001. 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 the requirements to maintain this level of designation by the EMS Agency as verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma. In February 2013, SBCH also met the requirements (as verified by the ACS Committee on Trauma) to be designated as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center and EMS Agency granted that designation in March 2013. Furthermore, SBCH met the requirements to be designated as a Level I Adult Trauma Center and was granted designation by the EMS Agency in December 2017.

MRMC completed a favorable preliminary review by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the EMS Agency granted the initial Level III Trauma Center designation on April 15, 2013. MRMC successfully completed a final verification by the ACS in August 2015, as was required in the initial designation.

Both Agreements establish funding, as set forth in Health and Safety Code 1798.164, which allows the EMS Agency to recover costs associated with trauma center designation oversight.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

Not applicable for these revenue agreements.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Under the proposed Agreements, Santa Barbara County will receive \$247,659 for the extended one-year term. As part of this extension, SBCH agrees to pay \$184,258 and MRMC agrees to pay \$63,401 for services provided by the EMS Agency for oversight, administration, and maintenance costs of the trauma system program. These service contracts are being increased by a 2% cost of living percentage for a one year period while the department undertakes an activity-based costing analysis and study to ensure that the full costs for the service are recouped. These funds are included as part of the Public Health Department FY 2021-22 Adjusted budget. There is no increase in the use of the County's General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

**Key Contract Risks:**

N/A

**Staffing Impacts:**

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

**Special Instructions:**

Please execute two (2) original Ninth Amendments with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System and two (2) original Seventh Amendments with Marian Regional Medical Center and retain one (1) original Amendment for each of them and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email [Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org](mailto:Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org) when available for pick up.

**Attachments:**

- A. Ninth Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level I Adult Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.
- B. Original Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
- C. Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.
- D. Original Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.

**Authored by:**

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