

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:

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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Roger E. Heroux, Director
Public Health Department

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Cottage Hospital for Graduate Medical Education Services.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute an Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for Graduate Medical Education Services for the period July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, in the amount of \$891,000.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal II: Community Health and Safety - Ensure a Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Since the inception of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Services, the County and Cottage Hospital have jointly and cooperatively operated the GME program. This GME program provides training for postgraduate physician residents in general surgery and internal medicine. Cottage Hospital provides their inpatient and outpatient surgery experience and the County provides the ambulatory care training.

The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program provides residents to staff primary care, internal medicine, surgery, and specialty clinics at the County Health Clinic in Santa Barbara. The GME program provides residents for approximately 40 primary care clinic hours a week, 60–100 internal medicine clinic hours per week, 8 surgery clinic hours per week, and varied specialty clinic hours to meet the medical care needs of the County's indigent population. In addition, residents provide 24-hour a day hospital-based services for the County's Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) Program at Cottage Hospital.

This Agreement covers only the professional or physician component of hospital-based service. Cottage Hospital is paid separately for MIA hospital per diem costs.

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The amount of the agreement has been restored to \$891,000 from the amount of \$791,000 for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is a not a mandated program. There is no change in programs or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The General Fund support for this Agreement is approximately \$383,000. In addition, the Public Health Department allocates \$195,000 of State Realignment dollars to fund this Agreement. The funding balance of \$313,000 comes from Medi-Cal, Medicare, other third party payors, and self-pay payments.

The County's contribution of \$891,000 is a restoration to Fiscal Year 2002-03 levels of support for the program. Uncertainties regarding support at the State level for indigent health programs had necessitated a decrease in funding for this program for Fiscal Year 2003-04. This amount has been funded as part of the Public Health Department's FY 04-05 adopted budget and can be found in the County's operating plan document on page D-184 in the Calle Real Clinics cost center.

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

Special Instructions:

Please execute three (3) originals and return two (2) originals along with a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **Attn: Margaret Granger (805) 681 5367.**

Concurrence:

Not Applicable.