



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: ADMHS  
Department No.: 043  
For Agenda Of: 02/27/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

---

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director  
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services  
Contact Info: Marianne Garrity, ADMHS Assistant Director,  
Administration  
805-681-4092  
**SUBJECT: DR. IRWIN LUNIANSKI, M.D. FY 06/07 Contract.**

---

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute a contract in the amount of \$26,000, with Irwin Lunianski, M.D., a Contractor on Payroll, to provide psychiatric services to seriously mentally ill adults in the North Santa Barbara County.
2. Authorize the Director of ADMHS to approve amendments to the proposed contract, provided that any such amendments do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the contract's dollar amount.

**Summary Text:**

Irwin Lunianski, MD. retired from a full-time psychiatrist position with the County of Santa Barbara last year, but do to the lack of qualified applicants for that position, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) re-hired Dr. Lunianski to serve as a part-time extra help psychiatrist for the Quality Assurance/Utilization Review program in Santa Barbara, during the time period the CEO/HR was developing a county-wide COP policy. Now that the policy has been adopted we desire to convert Dr. Lunianski to COP status.

Dr. Lunianski is the medical expert that is assigned to review client records for medical necessity, according to the State Mental Health Plan (MHP) requirements. He verifies that all treatments provided to our clients comply with the regulations imposed upon Santa Barbara County by State Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) regulations, the Short-Doyle Act, the Lanterman, Pretis, Short Act , Health

Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and are sound ethical medical practices. His services guarantee that the County shall not pay for unnecessary expenses or those that are not reimbursed by Medi-Cal. The contract term is from February 26, 2007, through June 30, 2007. This contract complies with the County of Santa Barbara Contractor On Payroll Policy dated September 2006 which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2006.

Dr. Lunianski is among a group of contractor on payroll psychiatrists providing staffing to Santa Barbara County clients. He performs diagnostic and medication evaluations and provides training, education and support to ADMHS staff and/or Multi-Disciplinary Team members as needed. The need for this COP contract demonstrates, once again, the difficult situation ADMHS is in by not being able to hire qualified medical personnel in a civil service position. ADMHS is under strict State and Federal codes to staff our facilities at a mandated level. This department could suffer sanctions that would affect service to our clients if we do not maintain sufficient staffing levels.

The Board is now requested to approve and execute the contract amendment for Dr. Irwin Lunianski resulting in a contract amount not to exceed \$26,000. These funds will ensure the mentally ill of Santa Barbara County will continue to receive expert care while in the Mental Health System.

**Performance Measure:**

Dr. Irwin Lunianski’s contract will help ADMHS meet **Recurring Performance Measures (RPM) 0230 and 0231** to provide effective mental health care to 4,200 adults receiving mental health services and 2450 severely emotionally disturbed children. In an effort to maintain community-based living, manage mental health symptoms and reduce hospitalizations, it is anticipated that Dr. Lunianski will provide psychiatric evaluation services to 2400 client case files over the course of the year. Dr. Lunianski’s services, besides being State mandated, saved the County over \$200,000 during the last three years by denying unauthorized services.

Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State-Realignment	\$ 16,250.00	\$ 66,250.00	
Federal	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 39,750.00	
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Narrative:**

The contract for Dr. Lunianski is funded by a combination of Medi-Cal and Realignment revenues. These funding sources are identified in the Adopted FY 2006-07 Budget, Federal and State Revenues, State Realignment - line item 4102 and Other Charges for Services – Medi-Cal line item 5404. The proposed expenditures are included in Salaries and Benefits, in the Adult Services Division, in the

County Budget Book, page D-148. Execution of this amendment will not increase the use of general fund dollars by the ADMHS Department.  
These actions will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

**Staffing Impacts:**

<b><u>Legal Positions:</u></b>	<b><u>FTEs:</u></b>
N/A	.49

**Special Instructions:**

Please send one (1) fully executed copy of the contract and endorsed minute order to:  
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services  
ATTN: Contracts Office  
300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 3  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**Attachments:**

FY 06/07 Contract for Ronald Koegler, M.D.

**Authored by:**

Cathy Fox

**cc:**

James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director ADMHS