



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: June 21, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi M. Wada, Director and Health Officer, Public Health
Director(s) Department
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SUBJECT: Medical Doctors Associates Professional Service Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors consider the following:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a professional services agreement with Medical Doctors Associates (Attachment A) to provide locum tenens coverage for the period of May 15, 2016 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$350,000; and
- b) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they 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 for approval to execute an Agreement with Medical Doctors Associates for medical provider services. The Public Health Department (PHD) has a current purchasing agreement with Medical Doctors Associates (Attachment B) that has allowed PHD to temporarily fill a physician vacancy at the Lompoc Health Care Center since January 8, 2016. The regular staff position has not been filled, and the expenditures for the current agreement will exceed \$100,000 for fiscal year 2015/16. PHD is requesting your Board approve a new agreement for the period May 15, 2016 through June 30, 2018 to cover expenditures exceeding the current purchasing contract (Attachment B) of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2015/16, and to cover locum tenens services while recruiting for regular positions at the Lompoc Health Care Center and other physician vacancies as needed.

Background

PHD operates five health care centers and three shelter-based clinics throughout Santa Barbara County to provide medical services to the uninsured and underinsured members of our communities. The department’s physicians who are regular County employees provide the greater part of the physician services. On some occasions, when there are physician vacancies, the recruitment process can take some time. In order to continue to provide services, PHD has contracted with firms who recruit and place physicians on a temporarily basis. These physicians are known as “locum tenens”.

The locum tenens rates include the cost of the physician services and local transportation. The contracted services do not replace physician employee positions, but serve as fill-ins on a temporary basis during the recruitment process. The recruitment of qualified family practice, internal medicine or pediatric physicians is a highly competitive and difficult process, and often takes months. Using the services provided by a locum tenens service assists the department in minimizing wait times and assists in reducing the number of patients seeking care at local emergency departments.

This agreement was not competed because the County is open to working with any vendor that is able to provide qualified professionals.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	
Federal	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 63,000.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -

There is no use of general fund dollars associated with this request. The services of the locum tenens physicians generate patient service revenues from Medi-Cal, Medicare, and other public programs which pay for the cost of the contract.

Key Contract Risks:

The department has a long standing relationship with Medical Doctors Associates since 2003, and they have provided quality service to PHD. Medical Doctors Associates provides malpractice coverage for their physicians. The Agreement has a termination for convenience clause and authorizes the County to dismiss any Professional for any reason.

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Legal Positions:</u>	<u>FTEs:</u>
0	0

There are no staffing impacts.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with Medical Doctors Associates and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. Medical Doctors Associates Professional Service Agreement
- B. Medical Doctors Associates Purchasing Contract for FY15-16

Authored by:

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