

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Roger E. Heroux, Director
Public Health Department

STAFF CONTACT: Kathleen Horton
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SUBJECT: Letters of Agreement between Hospitals and County of Santa Barbara Tri-Counties
Regional Cancer Registry

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute Letters of Agreement for revenue from hospital cancer registry abstracting services with the following hospitals:

- A) Lompoc Healthcare District in the amount of \$6,000 for the period of January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003.
- B) Cottage Hospital in the amount of \$12,000 for the period May 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003,
- C) Los Robles Regional Medical Center for \$21,000 for the period of December 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

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:

On September 19, 1985, AB 136 was signed into law mandating the Statewide cancer reporting system. The bill also established the authority of the Director of the State Health Department to make cancer a disease for which reporting is mandatory. The mandate became effective for San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties beginning January 1, 1988.

The letters of agreement between Cottage Hospital, Los Robles Regional Medical Center, Lompoc Healthcare District and the Tri-Counties Regional Cancer Registry are for reporting activities associated with the statewide cancer reporting system's mandate. These Hospitals have asked that the Tri-Counties Regional Cancer Registry provide cancer-reporting services on a fee for service basis. These hospitals previously had their own cancer registrars to meet the reporting requirements. They now are asking for the Tri-Counties Regional Cancer Registry to provide the abstracting service for them. The following situations apply:

- A) Lompoc Healthcare District asked that the service begin on January 1, 2003
- B) Cottage Hospital asked that the service begin on May 1, 2003
- C) Los Robles Regional Medical Center asked that the service begin on December 1, 2002.

All contracts will end on June 30, 2003.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The program is mandated by Section 211.3 of the State of California Health and Safety Code and administered through Contract with the Public Health Institute (formerly the California Public Health Foundation). The mandate does not specify that counties provide this service, but Cancer Registry services have been associated with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department for reasons of administrative effectiveness and efficiency since 1987.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no net county costs associated with the Letter of Agreements. All costs associated with the activities and requirements in the Letters of Agreement fully funded by the fee charged to Cottage Hospital, Los Robles Regional Medical Center and Lompoc Healthcare District.

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

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) signed copy of the Agreement to:

- A) Tri-Counties Regional Cancer Registry
345 Camino del Remedio
Bldg. 4, Room 340
Attention: Kathleen Horton, Director
- B) Public Health Administration
300 San Antonio Road
Attention: Michele Mickiewicz

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Risk Management