

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Elliot Schulman, M.D., M.P.H., Director/Health Officer  
Public Health Department

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Public Health Department 681-5214

**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Agreements for Medical Provider Contractors on Payroll

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## Recommendation(s):

### That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute an agreement with Carolyn Griffith, M.D. to provide substitute clinic based physician care in the County Health Clinics for the period November 22, 2004 through June 19, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$31,000 plus benefits.
- B. Approve and execute an agreement with David Mizes, M.D. to provide substitute clinic based physician care in the County Health Clinics for the period July 1, 2004 through June 18, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$137,000 plus benefits.
- C. Approve and execute an agreement with Laura B. Sugino, M.D. to provide clinic based infectious disease physician care in the County Health Clinics for the period February 27, 2005 through June 18, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 plus benefits.
- D. Approve and execute an agreement with Anna Bunting, C.N.M. to provide clinic based nurse midwife care in the County Health Clinics for the period April 24, 2005 through June 18, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$39,000 plus benefits.

### 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:

The Public Health Department, in accordance with State mandates, provides medical care to those individuals who would otherwise not be able to access the local health care system. Physicians, along with other professionals, provide primary medical care and perform administrative duties to ensure that the County fulfills those mandated services.

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In order to ensure full staffing for the County Health Clinics the Public Health Department contracts with substitute providers to backfill for regularly scheduled providers on an as-needed basis.

Your Board is requested to approve and execute the Agreements with the Contractor on Payroll medical providers listed below for the stated periods and in the amounts listed plus approximate benefits for professional services.

There are no changes in the terms and conditions of the requested Agreements from their Purchasing contracts. Approval of these requested Agreements will allow the providers to continue providing services in FY 2004/2005. The term of three of the Agreements also extends through FY 2005/2006.

Vendor	Period		Requested Agreements	
	From	To	Amount	Benefits
Carolyn Griffith, M.D.	11/22/04	6/19/05	\$31,000	\$2,790
David Mizes, M.D.	7/1/04	6/18/06	137,000	12,330
Laura Sugino, M.D.	2/27/05	6/18/06	50,000	4,500
Anna Bunting, C.N.M.	4/24/05	6/18/06	39,000	3,510
Total			\$257,000	\$23,130

- A. Carolyn Griffith, M.D. has been providing substitute clinic based care in the County Clinics since July 2004 on a purchasing contract in the amount of \$24,999. Dr. Griffith increased her schedules in Lompoc County Health Clinic and in Santa Maria Women’s Health Center due to increased physician needs and vacancies. At a later date your Board will be requested to approve a FY 05/06 contract for Dr. Griffith.
- B. David Mizes, M.D. has been working more hours in the current fiscal year in the Santa Maria clinic because recruitment for a permanent physician in Santa Maria took longer than anticipated. Dr. Mizes will continue to staff the clinics in Santa Maria until the new physician is acclimated. Because of the additional hours Dr. Mizes has exceeded his \$16,000 Purchasing contract.
- C. Laura Sugino, M.D. is contracted for the provision of infectious disease medical care services in the County Health Clinics. Dr. Sugino has also provided substitution physician care in addition to her regularly scheduled hours and, therefore, has exceeded the amount of her \$24,999 Purchasing contract.
- D. Anna Bunting, C.N. M will work more hours in the current fiscal year in the Obstetrical, Family Planning, and Pap clinics at County Health Clinics than was contracted for in her \$24,999 purchasing contract.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The provision of primary care services are mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1276, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503 and 2505; California Administrative Code, Title 17, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1; and Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Because this recommendation is already contained within the Department’s FY 2004-2005 adopted budget, it will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

The costs for physician services are reimbursed from the State and Federal governments as a result of the County being a Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing services for Medi-Cal and Medicare patients, and from State Realignment funding for Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) patient services.

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The funding for this Agreement is contained as part of the Public Health Department's FY 2004-05 adopted budget and can be found on page D-184 of the County's FY 2004-05 Operating Plan in various Regional Clinic cost centers. In addition, these costs for substitute physicians have also been submitted as part of the department's recommended budget for FY 05-06.

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

**Special Instructions:** Please send one copy of each signed Agreement and one Minute Order copy to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew.

**Concurrence:** None required.