



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, 2011  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Elizabeth Snyder, Deputy Director 681-5252  
**SUBJECT: County Acceptance and Relocation of Liberty Program Administration to Public Health Department**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, St. Francis Foundation and the County of Santa Barbara whereby the Public Health Department will accept responsibility for the continuation of the Liberty Program (Tattoo Removal) effective July 1, 2011 to be funded by Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and St. Francis Foundation in an amount of \$70,000 for FY 2011-12 through 2012-13.

**Summary Text:**

The Public Health Department seeks to partner with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and St. Francis Foundation to ensure the continuation of the Liberty Program. The Liberty Program was developed in 1993 to offer anti-social tattoo removal to teens and adults who want to start a new life free of crime and gang involvement.

Currently the Liberty Program is administered by Cottage Health System and partially funded by St. Francis Foundation. The Public Health Department wishes to partner with these organizations and relocate the Liberty Program within its Santa Barbara Health Care Center. By accepting responsibility for the continuation of the Liberty Program, the Public Health Department will continue to provide this vital service to the community.

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital will provide the Public Health Department with clinical laser equipment and assign a two-year prepaid maintenance agreement. Additionally, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital will provide \$20,000 annually from July 2011 to June 30, 2013, as a grant to cover costs for the program. The St. Francis Foundation will provide \$20,000 in FY 2011/2012 and \$10,000 in FY 2012-13.

**Background:**

The Liberty Program began at the Western Laser Institute at Goleta Valley Hospital in 1973 and is currently administered by Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Removal of visible tattoos is provided free to clients in exchange for community service. Each treatment provided requires that the community service be performed within Santa Barbara County, which should result in more than 3,000 hours of community service provided annually.

Participants are referred to the Program by local schools, community clinics, Police Department, Probation Department, Boys and Girls Club, Judges, and numerous other community agencies. The Liberty Program offers the participants an opportunity for positive change in their lives by removing visible anti-social tattoos to improve appearance, increase employment and academic opportunities, and improves interpersonal relationships.

**Performance Measure:**

There are no performance measures currently associated with this program. However, as a medical procedure, this new program will be contained within the existing Public Health Department’s quality improvement plan.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The Liberty Program is estimated to have one-time start up costs of \$10,000 and ongoing costs of approximately \$30,000 a year. The ongoing costs includes the prepaid equipment maintenance, donated dermatologist time, and costs for other operating supplies and contract personnel. The one-time start up costs of \$10,000 will be provided by the St. Francis Foundation and the \$30,000 ongoing annual costs are projected to be fully covered by funding received from Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and the St. Francis Foundation for FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 (see table below)

Liberty Program Financial Support

<b>Organization</b>	<b>FY 2011-12 One-Time</b>	<b>FY 2011-12 Ongoing</b>	<b>FY 2012-13 Ongoing</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>
St. Francis Foundation	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
SB Cottage Hospital		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Totals	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$70,000

**Special Instructions:**

Please return two (2) original executed Agreements and a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg 8; attn: Rose Davis

**Attachments:**

Services Agreement with SB Cottage Hospital and St. Francis Foundation for the Period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

**Authored by:**

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