



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: April 8, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Mouhanad Hammami, Public Health Department
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Deputy Director of Operations, 805-681-5104
SUBJECT: EMS Specialty Care Designation Revenue Agreements with Marian Regional Medical Center

Signed by:

Mouhanad Hammami
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO, Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for the County to provide oversight and administrative services for Trauma Care a Level II Adult Trauma Center. The Agreement term is from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, with the County receiving \$103,874 each calendar year for a total of \$311,622;
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for the County to provide oversight and administrative services for an Acute Stroke Center. The Agreement term is from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, with the County receiving \$36,298 each calendar year for a total of \$108,894;
- c) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for the County to provide oversight and administrative services for a STEMI Receiving Center. The Agreement term is from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, with the County receiving \$96,338 for a total of \$289,014;
- d) Approve budget revision request (BJE) number 0010345 in the amount of \$33,100 to establish budget for the anticipated added revenue in the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and
- e) Determine that the above actions are not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the actions are government

fiscal activities that do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute new designation Agreements between the Public Health Department and Marian Regional Medical Center as a part of the County's Emergency Specialty System of Care. The designation agreements between the Public Health Department and Marian Regional Medical Center include specialty care oversight of an Adult Level II Trauma Center, an Acute Stroke Center and an ST-Elevated Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Center. The term of the agreements is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Background:

Hospital specialty care provides the most critical patients direct access to life-saving treatments to give them every chance to live through a health emergency, it establishes coordination for pre-hospital ambulance transport and treatment for improved outcomes, and results in the highest quality medical care for the residents and visitors of Santa Barbara County.

California Health and Safety Code, section 1798.150 gives the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) authority to establish guidelines for hospital facilities according to critical care capabilities as part of the Specialty System of Care. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department has been designated as the LEMSAs for the County, and designates three types of Specialty Care: Trauma, Stroke and ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI). By having these specialty care designations, the LEMSAs, through local policies and procedures, can ensure residents and visitors who access the 911-system are transported quickly and directly to hospitals capable of performing specialized emergency health care. The California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 9, Prehospital Emergency Medical Services requires the LEMSAs to maintain written agreements with all specialty care centers within their respective jurisdictions.

Marian Regional Medical Center has been designated to provide specialty care services since 2013. And on April 15, 2013, the County and Marian Regional Medical Center entered into the first agreement for the delivery of trauma specialty care as a Level III Trauma Center. Since then, Marian Regional Medical Center has entered into additional agreements to provide specialty care services as an Adult Level II Trauma Center, an Acute Stroke Center and a ST-Elevated Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Center.

In 2024 (last calendar year), there were 4,528 patients in Santa Barbara County needing emergency specialty care. These patients were directed to be transported by ambulance (ground or air transport) to the nearest hospital to receive essential emergency medical treatment. Approximately, 40% of these patients accessing this critical care were treated at Marian Regional Medical Center, which has also received national recognition and distinction for both its cardiac and stroke patient care.

Existing one-year revenue Agreements between the Public Health Department and the hospitals expired on December 31, 2024, and the agreements for Board consideration today (Attachments A-C) establish a new, three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. The Agreements provide full cost-recovery to the County for costs that the LEMSAs incur to oversee these specialty care designations as mandated by State laws and regulations.

Performance Measure:

The Agreement includes an annual evaluation of reporting requirements. These reporting requirements ensure that the LEMSAs are able to monitor patient admissions per specialty care type, analyze system performance, and incorporate these reporting measures into the LEMSAs' annual Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Plan.

Fiscal Analysis:

Under the proposed Agreements, Santa Barbara County will receive a total of \$709,530 over the three-year term. Marian Regional Medical Center agrees to reimburse the County for its full cost of \$236,510 annually at \$103,874 for Trauma, \$36,298 for Stroke and \$96,338 for STEMI for services provided by the Local EMS Agency for oversight, administration, and maintenance costs of the Specialty Care Designations. The attached BJE #0010345 will establish additional appropriations in the Public Health Department Health Care Fund in FY 2024-25 in the amount of \$33,100 funded by unanticipated revenue from the Hospital Specialty Care Agreements. The annual amount of \$236,510 is included in the Public Health Department FY 2025-26 Recommend budget. There is no increase in the use of the County's General Fund resources as a result of executing this Agreement. There are no additional staff requested as part of this action.

Funding Source	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027	Total
MRMC – Trauma Specialty Care	103,874	103,874	103,874	\$311,622
MRMC – Stroke Specialty Care	36,298	36,298	36,298	\$108,894
MRMC – Stemi Specialty Care	96,338	96,338	96,338	\$289,014
Total	\$236,510	\$236,510	\$236,510	\$709,530

Special Instructions:

Please return executed original Agreement and Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

- Attachment A** – Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level II Adult Trauma Center
- Attachment B** – Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a STEMI Receiving Center
- Attachment C** – Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as an Acute Stroke Center
- Attachment D** – Budget Revision Request (BJE No. 0010345)

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