

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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SUBJECT: Amendments to Professional Services Agreements (Carolyn Griffith, M.D., Lester Reffigee, M.D., and Peter Singson, M.D., P.C.)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding amendments to professional services agreements for providers of professional obstetrical and gynecological medical services at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center, as follows:

- A. Authorize the County Executive Officer to approve and execute the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (BC-05-185) with Carolyn Griffith, M.D., (a local vendor) in the amount of \$125,000 to adjust the number of hours worked and related compensation provisions, for a total in the amount of \$499,563.
- B. Authorize the County Executive Officer to approve and execute the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (BC-06-035) with Lester Reffigee, M.D., (a local vendor) in the amount of \$130,000 to adjust the number of hours worked and related compensation provisions, for a total in the amount of \$828,481.
- C. Authorize the County Executive Officer to approve and execute the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (BC-06-038) with Peter Singson, M.D., P.C. (a local vendor) to adjust the provisions for extra call coverage as a result of a vacant physician position.

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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Amendments

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The requested amendments to professional services agreements for providers of professional obstetrical and gynecological medical services at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center are needed because two of the four physicians contracted at the Santa Maria Women's Health Center have recently resigned effective July 31, 2006 and September 8, 2006. The remaining two physicians have recommended they assume total responsibility (clinic and hospital) for the OB/GYN services for a short-term period while recruitment occurs. (Candidates have been identified and will be interviewed over the next few weeks.)

- A. Agreement BC-05-185 with Carolyn Griffith, M.D., is for the period June 20, 2005 through June 30, 2008. The requested Amendment would:
1. Change the provision for clinic coverage for the period September 9, 2006 through December 31, 2006 so that Contractor will provide clinic coverage approximately 32 hours per week.
 2. For the period September 9, 2006 through December 31, 2006 Contractor shall share a 1 in 2-call coverage Monday-Sunday, 24 hours per day, 7 days per weekend hospital call.
 3. The compensation is changed for the periods of time when the Contractor shares a 1-in-2 call schedule and for extra call coverage as a result of a vacant physician position. .
- B. Agreement BC-06-035 with Lester Reffigee, M.D., is for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008. The requested Amendment would change the compensation for the periods of time when the Contractor shares a 1-in-2 call schedule and adjusts the compensation for extra call coverage as a result of a vacant physician position.
- C. Agreement BC-06-038 with Peter Singson, M.D., P.C, is for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008. Dr. Singson has given termination notice and will provide professional services under this Agreement through September 8, 2006. The requested Amendment would change the compensation provisions for extra call coverage as a result of a vacant physician position.

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 2005-2006 adopted budget, it will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department. There will be no increase in the budgeted costs for these services as a result of this agreement.

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.

The funding for this Agreement is contained as part of the Public Health Department's FY 2006-2007 adopted budget and can be found on page D-180 of the County's FY 2006-2007 Operating Plan Document in the Santa Maria Women's Health Center cost center.

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

Special Instructions: Please send one Minute Order copy to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew 805-681-5205.

Concurrence: None required.