



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: 11/21/2006
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
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Primary Care & Family Health Division 681-5252
SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement (William Boelter, M.D., Inc.)

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes No

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a professional services agreement with William Boelter, MD, Inc. to provide Obstetrical/Gynecological outpatient and inpatient services for the Santa Maria Women's Center for the period December 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$248,648.

Summary:

This item is on the agenda to authorize a contract with William Boelter, M.D. to provide obstetrical and gynecological (OB/GYN) services in the County clinics and share a 1-in-4-call schedule. He will act as the admitting physician for County emergency OB/GYN patients at Marian Medical Center when covering County "on-Call". The requested Agreement with Dr. Boelter provides for hospital care services which will include normal deliveries, cesarean sections, emergency and non-emergency gynecological procedures, emergency room visits and patient hospital care related to emergency services.

Background

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.

The Santa Maria Women’s Center was opened in 2003 and is staffed with Physicians, Nurses and Medical Assistants who provide Obstetrical/Gynecological services to approximately 15,000 patient visits each year.

Dr. Price, who had been a full-time contractor resigned from the clinic practice July 30, 2006 to return to his hometown. Dr. William Boelter has been recruited to replace Dr. Price with the same contract terms.

Performance Measures:

The following recurring performance measure will be reported quarterly:

- 92% of all County deliveries will weigh at least 2500 grams.
- 95% of all County deliveries will receive a post partum visit within 14 days.

Two goals for the OB/GYN Program are: (1) No malpractice claims, and (2) Establish continuity of care for patients by setting up an appointment with a Pediatrician prior to delivery. Every effort should be made to explain and encourage use of the County system for continuity purposes.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

This recommendation will not increase the General Fund contribution or use of Special Revenue funds for the Public Health Department.

The costs for these Obstetric physician services are fully 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. Funding for the subsequent fiscal year will be incorporated into the department’s FY 2007-2008 recommended budget.

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

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs:
N/A

Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of executed Agreement and a minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **Attn: Dawn McGrew (805) 681 5205**

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