

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
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**Department Name:** Public Health Department  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** April 6, 2004  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, MPA, Director  
Public Health Department

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Primary Care and Family Health Division  
Public Health Department 681-5214

**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Agreement (Wonuk Lee, M.D.)

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**Recommendation(s):**

**That the Board of Supervisors:**

Approve and execute Agreement with Wonuk Lee, M.D., Contractor On Payroll, to provide professional medical services at the County Health Clinics, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 plus benefits, for the period March 29, 2004 through June 19, 2005.

**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. 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.

The Internal Medicine clinic has 25 residents who are seeing several patients per day but as part of our agreement as a teaching institution we are required to have only a board certified Internal Medicine physician supervise the residents. The Public Health Department has a limited number of qualified physicians to be an Attending physician.

Your Board is requested to execute the Agreement with Wonuk Lee, M.D., as a substitute Contractor on Payroll, for the period from March 29, 2004 through June 19, 2005 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 plus benefits. Since the beginning of this current fiscal year, Dr. Wonuk Lee has been providing services

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under a \$24,999 Purchasing contract to backfill for ordinance physicians and other contracted positions. Dr. Lee provided significant fill-in for these vacancies to an extent that he reached the maximum limit of his Purchasing contract. Approval of this requested Agreement will allow him to continue providing services in FY 2003-2004 and in FY 2004-2005. These increased expenditures associated with Dr. Lee are included in the department's adopted FY 2003-2004 budget and in the Departmental Requested FY 2004-2005 budget.

The Agreement with Dr. Lee calls for him to attend and staff assigned hours at designated County Health Clinics and to be an Attending physician as scheduled. The approximated costs of benefits are calculated at \$6,750 and include the Employer's share of Federal Medicare Health Insurance, County Worker's Compensation Insurance, and Malpractice Insurance. This does not represent additional compensation to the Contractor.

The appropriate hiring freeze exemption 0304-226 has been approved.

**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 2003-2004 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.

The funding for this Agreement is contained as part of the Public Health Department's FY 2003-04 adopted budget and can be found on page D-180 of the County's FY 2003-04 Operating Plan.

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

**Special Instructions:** Please send a copy of the signed copy to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew.

**Concurrence:** None.