

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for the Trauma and Burn Equipment Cache

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors

Approve and execute an agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for the storage and maintenance of a trauma and burn equipment cache as part of the State's Terrorist Preparedness Project for the period September 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$120,908.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with:

Goal No.2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit

Executive Summary and Discussion:

As part of the State's Terrorist Preparedness Project, Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency will receive \$120,908 from the State EMS Authority to facilitate the purchase of a trauma and burn equipment cache for Santa Barbara County. The State's goal is to fund all trauma centers (level I and II trauma) in California with additional trauma and burn equipment and supplies to be better prepared in the event of a terrorist attack. As the only level II trauma center, in Santa Barbara county, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is eligible to receive a trauma and burn cache for the treatment of an additional 50 patients during a disaster or terrorist event.

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital agrees to develop policies and procedures regarding the storage, maintenance, rotation, and preparation for mobilization of the cache. In the event that mobilization of the cache is activated by Santa Barbara County EMS, Cottage Hospital agrees to appropriately package the cache for transport within four hours of notification. During activation, the EMS Agency will provide

operational support following the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). The agreement also allows Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to use items from the cache for everyday hospital care as long as consumable items are replaced and non-consumable items remain in adequate working order and can be available for transport within the four-hour time requirement.

Explosive devices are the most common terrorist event. These incidents can inflict traumatic injuries and burns to individual impacted by the blast. This grant-funded contract provides the county the ability to increase our response capacity and improve our preparedness through a partnership with our level II trauma center, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

Mandates and Service Levels: A Trauma System Plan is not mandated as part of California Health and Safety Code (Division 2.5) requirements of a local EMS Agency. It is only mandated if a local EMS agency wishes to develop a trauma system that meets the minimum standards set forth in regulation for implementation. Trauma Care System Regulations are contained in the Health and Safety Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7, Sections 100236-100262. It states that any local EMS agency which has implemented or plans to implement a trauma care system shall develop a written trauma care system plan that includes policies and /or procedures to assure compliance of the trauma system with the provisions of this Chapter. The Board of Supervisors approved a trauma system plan for Santa Barbara County in 1999. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is the only level II trauma center in Santa Barbara County and the central coast.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This agreement totaling \$120,908 is funded through a grant from the State EMS Authority through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This amount will be included as part of the adjusted Public Health Department Fiscal Year 2005-06 budget, a budget revision will follow this request. The allotment will be included in the EMS cost center of the Community Health division shown on page D-194 of the budget. There is no increase in the use of County's General Fund resources as a result of executing these agreements.

This action will not result in a need for additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please return two original fully executed contracts along with a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **Attn: Margaret Granger (805) 681 5367.**

Concurrence: None required.