

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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## Agenda Number:

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**Department:** Public Health & Probation  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to Medical Services Agreement with Prison Health Services

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## Recommendation:

Approve and execute First Amendment to the Agreement with Prison Health Services, which provides medical services to youth held in Probation Department's institutions, in the amount of \$37,440 for a total amount of \$1,202,411 and to make administrative corrections.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:** The recommendations are aligned with five of the County's seven goals: Community Health and Safety, Quality of Life, Efficient Government, Organizational Effectiveness, and Individuals, Families and Children.

**Executive Summary:** On November 23, 2004 your Board executed an Agreement with Prison Health Services to provide medical services to youth detained in the Probation Department's institutions for the period from January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in amount of \$1,164,971. The Public Health Department monitors this contract with Prison Health Services.

Under the terms of the executed Agreement, Prison Health Services provides a wide range of medical services within the three detention facilities. Some of the key components of this Agreement (as compared with the previous Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Health Department) include:

- A. PHS provides a clinically qualified manager and the Health Administrator is a Registered Nurse;
- B. The Sick Call Process is more efficient since physicians and mid-level practitioners review the sick call request list;
- C. Immunizations are improved because PHS has a more formalized program and has greater staffing capacity;

- D. 24-hour on-call services result in better continuity of care and potentially decrease Emergency Room utilization because the PHS physician provides coverage;
- E. PHS has assigned a dedicated Medical Director;
- F. PHS has a formal and specialized training program for both medical and probation staff;
- G. PHS has a Continuous Quality Improvement Program that is superior because it is premised on evidence-based medicine in correctional settings; and,
- H. Pharmaceutical management is more effective because PHS owns its own pharmacy where supplies are more affordable.

Your Board is requested to approve and execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Prison Health Services, in the amount of \$37,440 for a total amount of \$1,202,411 to:

1. Increase the amount by \$37,440 for costs of .18 FTE Health Services Administrator's time;
2. Define physician compliance with Prison Health Services' sample medication policy;
3. Clarify regulatory requirements pertaining to the Agreement;
4. Define that Santa Barbara County provides all immunization vaccines;
5. Allows Prison Health Services to reassign staff between Probation Institutions within set parameters;
6. Make provision for allocation of and reimbursement for necessary pharmaceutical supplies not covered after the negotiated cap is exceeded; and
7. Clarify procedures for Medi-Cal eligible minors.

**Mandates and Service Levels:** The Probation Department is responsible for providing health care services to detainees who are housed in their facilities. In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 15 ("Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities"), Article 8 ("Health Services"), Section 1400 ("Responsibility for Health Care Services"), "the [juvenile] facility administrator shall ensure that health care services are provided to all minors." The Public Health Department historically provided these services to the youth housed in the Santa Barbara County Probation Institutions.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Probation was aware of the need to process an amendment to the contract at the time they prepared their FY 2005-06 proposed budget. Probation included additional appropriation for the \$37,440 (prorated) contract amendment in account 7400 "Medical, Dental, and Lab". The adjusted budget for pharmaceuticals was, and continues to be, a concern. Actual costs since July 1, 2005, would suggest an over expenditure of this account will occur prior to the end of the fiscal year. Probation has initiated a cost analysis, is advocating for the reinstatement of the use of sample medications, and will continue to monitor Prison Health Services prescription costs and practices

**Special Instructions:** Please send one signed copy of the Agreement and two certified Minute Orders to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Dawn McGrew

**Concurrence:** Probation Department