

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 3/25/05  
**Department Name:** Public Health Department  
**Department No.:** 041  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Elliot Schulman, M.D., M.P.H., Director/Health Officer  
Public Health Department

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Public Health Department 681-5214

**SUBJECT:** Professional Services Agreements

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**Recommendation(s):**

**That the Board of Supervisors:**

- A. Approve and execute an agreement with Laura Meisel, M.D. to provide substitute clinic based physician care in the County Health Clinics for the period July 1, 2004 through June 18, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 plus benefits.
- B. Approve and execute an agreement with Anthony Rogers, M.D. to provide substitute clinic based physician care in the County Health Clinics for the period July 1, 2004 through June 18, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$151,000 plus benefits.

**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.

Your Board is requested to approve and execute the Agreements with the physicians listed below for the period July 1, 2004 through June 18, 2006 in the amounts listed plus approximate benefits for substitute professional services. Since the beginning of this current fiscal year, each of these physicians has been providing services under a Purchasing contract to backfill for ordinance physicians and other contracted positions. These physicians have provided significant fill-in for these vacancies to an extent they will reach the maximum of their purchasing contracts. There are no changes in the terms and conditions of the requested Agreements from their Purchasing

contracts. Approval of these requested Agreements will allow the physicians to continue providing services in FY 2004/2005. The term of each contract also extends through FY 2005/2006.

Vendor	Requested Agreements FYs 04/05 & 05/06	
	Amount	Benefits
Laura Meisel, M.D.	\$50,000	\$4,500
Anthony Rogers, M.D.	151,000	13,590
Total	\$201,000	\$18,090

- A. Laura Meisel, M.D. has been providing substitute clinic based care in the County Clinics since July 2004 on a purchasing contract in the amount of \$16,000. Dr. Meisel has been working more hours than anticipated because she is located in the North County where vacancies exist.
  
- B. Anthony Rogers, M.D. is contracted for the provision of substitute primary medical care services in the County Health Clinics. Dr. Rogers has provided significantly more hours of service than in the previous year to an extent that he will reach the maximum limit of his Purchasing contract.

**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 2004-2005 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 2004-05 adopted budget and can be found on page D-184 of the County’s FY 2004-05 Operating Plan in various Regional Clinic cost centers. In addition, these costs for substitute physicians have also been submitted as part of the department’s recommended budget for FY 05-06.

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

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

**Concurrence:** None.