

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Health Dept.
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 16, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 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
Director Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Central Coast Inpatient Consultants, Inc. for Hospitalist Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Central Coast Inpatient Consultants, Inc., (a local vendor) for hospitalist services for the period June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, in the amount of \$325,000.

Summary Text:

The requested Agreement with Central Coast Inpatient Consultants, Inc. provides that contractor shall be paid \$13,000 per month for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$325,000 for the total contract period. FY 2008-09 shall not exceed \$13,000. FY 2009-10 includes a not to exceed amount of \$156,000; and FY 2010-11 includes a not to exceed amount of \$156,000.

Approval of this Agreement will allow the PHD to continue to focus on the delivery of ambulatory care for the Santa Maria patients; increase access, and decrease wait times for patients.

Background:

On October 3, 2006, your board approved an Agreement with Marian Community Clinics for Hospitalist Services for the period October 2, 2006 to June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$801,944. That Agreement was legally assigned, by Marian Community Clinics, to the Central Coast Inpatient Consultants, Inc., for the remaining 1 month period of the contract, June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. This Agreement will fully execute the Agreement with Central Coast Inpatient Consultants, Inc. for the remaining term of June 1 to June 30, 2009, as well as extend the term through June 30, 2011.

Marian Medical Center began its hospitalist program several years ago to provide local physicians with an alternative for caring for their patients in an inpatient setting. The increased emphasis on improving quality and patient safety in hospitals, combined with growing pressure to reduce costs, has led to an explosion in the number of physicians who work solely in hospitals throughout the country. Today, approximately 12,000 physicians practice hospital medicine, making it the fastest growing medical specialty in the country, according to the Society of Hospital Medicine. Proponents of this model argue that physicians who constantly care for acutely ill patients make them better equipped to identify problems, create treatment plans and move patients through the hospital more quickly.

Performance Measure:

Participate in quality improvement activities that are targeted at Hospitalists who may lead or participate in Quality Improvement teams to optimize management of common inpatient conditions and improve clinical outcomes based on standardized evidence based practices. Discovery of adverse patient outcomes must be communicated to the PHD Medical Director.

Focus on Performance Measures such as (1) Patient centered care and appreciation of its value in improving patient safety and satisfaction, (2) Ability to apply the results of validated outcome studies to inpatient practice, (3) Promotion of new practices, guidelines and technology as supported by best available evidence, and (4) Structured initiatives that reject evidence based literature and high quality outcomes data.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

This action will not increase the use of General Fund or Special Revenue fund resources by the Public Health Department. In addition, no increase in Departmental indirect costs or use of A87 Plan County overhead will be incurred. The amounts reflected in the proposed contract (\$13,000 for FY 2008-09 and \$156,000 for the subsequent fiscal years) were included as part of the Department's FY 2008-2009 adopted and FY 2009-10 recommended budgets.

The funding for the proposed contract is contained as part of the Public Health Department's FY 2008 2009 adopted budget and can be found on page D-196 of the County's FY 2008-2009 Operating Plan Document. Funding for the subsequent fiscal year has been incorporated into the Department's FY 2009 2010 recommended budget.

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

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit at: PHDRES.contractsunit@sbcphd.org.

Please return one (1) copy of the executed Amendment to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

Attachments: Agreement with Central Coast Inpatient Consultants, Inc.

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