



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: December 13, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel L. B. Nielson, MPA, Interim Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Tenth Amendment for Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center
Designation Revenue Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital; Eighth
Amendment for Level III Adult Trauma Center Designation Revenue
Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center

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 consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, and authorize the Chair to execute a Tenth Amendment to the Agreement for Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center Designation with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to update the Statement of Work, to add \$188,865 in oversight costs at a 2.5% increase, to add \$25,000 in support of a contractor to assist with a trauma system assessment (for a total amount of \$213,865), and to extend the term for twelve (12) months through December 31, 2023 (Attachment A); and
- b) Approve, and authorize the Chair to execute an Eighth Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Level III Adult Trauma Center Designation to update the Statement of Work, to add \$64,986 in oversight costs at a 2.5% increase, to add \$25,000 in support of a contractor to assist with a trauma system assessment (for a total amount of \$89,986), and to extend the term for twelve (12) months through December 31, 2023 (Attachment C); and
- c) Determine that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda to execute a Tenth Amendment with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH) (Attachment A) and an Eighth Amendment with Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC) (Attachment C). Both amendments update the Statement of Work, add funding for oversight costs and for assistance with a trauma assessment, and to extend the Agreements for Trauma Center Designation. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1798.165 gives the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) the authority to designate trauma facilities as part of their trauma care system, pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the State of California EMS Authority. The Trauma Care System requires that all designated trauma centers have a written agreement with the local EMS Agency. (22 CCR § 100255(g).)

These amendments also include a one-time cost of \$25,000 per hospital (total of \$50,000) to fund a Trauma System Assessment. This assessment will assist the LEMSA in updating the local Trauma Plan and finalizing the process to upgrade Marian Regional Medical Center from a Level III Trauma Center in 2023.

Background:

Traumatic injuries continue to be the leading cause of death for individuals under 45 years of age in the United States. In fact, since 2011 there have been over 35,270 trauma patients that have been treated in Santa Barbara County's Trauma System. The Santa Barbara County Trauma System, supported by our Level I Adult Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center at SBCH and are now Level III Adult Trauma Center at MRMC, treated 2,660 patients in 2021. Pediatric patients account for 4.1% of those treated. In 2021, 201 (7.6%) of these patients endured injuries meeting the most severe criteria (ISS greater than 15), putting them at a high risk for death without the care provided by the comprehensive trauma system in Santa Barbara County.

On March 21, 1999, your Board approved Santa Barbara County's Trauma System Plan based on the State Trauma System Regulations. The Plan provides the framework needed to establish a formalized, inclusive system of care for injured patients. LEMSA has worked with all hospitals and all EMS system providers to establish trauma specific policies and procedures. A performance improvement process is also in place to ensure a quality trauma system for Santa Barbara County.

SBCH continues to meet the requirements to maintain the designation of a Level 1 Trauma Center by LEMSA and as verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma. In February 2013, SBCH also met the requirements (as verified by the ACS Committee on Trauma) to be designated as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center and EMS Agency granted that designation in March 2013.

MRMC recently received verification by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Level II Trauma Center. In order to designate MRMC as a Level II Trauma Center, LEMSA must submit an updated Trauma Plan to the CA EMS Authority for approval.

In order to update the Trauma Plan, LEMSA will require the assistance of an outside subject matter expert, or consultant. SBCH and MRMC have agreed to fund the cost of the consultant. Upon execution of these amendments, LEMSA will work with SBCH and MRMC, and in accordance with County procurement policies, to identify and select a consultant and begin assisting LEMSA with the Trauma System Assessment.

Both amendments establish funding, as set forth in Health and Safety Code 1798.164, which allows the EMS Agency to recover costs associated with trauma center designation oversight.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Not applicable for these revenue agreements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Under the proposed Agreements, Santa Barbara County will receive \$303,851 for the extended one-year term. As part of this extension, SBCH agrees to pay \$213,865 and MRMC agrees to pay \$89,986 for services provided by the EMS Agency for oversight, administration, and maintenance costs of the trauma system program. These service contracts are being increased by a 2.5% cost of living percentage for a one-year period while the department undertakes an activity-based costing analysis and study to ensure that the full costs for the service are recouped. These service contracts also include a lump sum value of up to \$50,000 divided equally between SBCH and MRMC for assistance with the trauma assessment. These funds are included as part of the Public Health Department FY 2021-22 Adjusted budget. There is no increase in the use of the County's General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

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

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Tenth Amendment with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System and two (2) original Eighth Amendment with Marian Regional Medical Center and retain one (1) original Amendment for each of them and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email Margaret "Margs" Fitzwilliam mfitzwilliamfigueroa@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. Tenth Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level I Adult Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.
- B. Original Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
- C. Eighth Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.
- D. Original Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.

Authored by:

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