



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:** August 25, 2015  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH Director/Health Officer  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT:** **Second Amendment for Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center Designation Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital; First Amendment for Level III Adult Trauma Center Designation Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center**

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**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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center Designation with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for annual revenue of \$160,000 with the period beginning July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017 and a total Second Amendment revenue amount of \$320,000.
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Level III Adult Trauma Center Designation for annual revenue of \$55,000 with the period beginning July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017 and a total First Amendment revenue amount of \$110,000.
- c) Determine that the above actions are organizational and administrative activities of government that are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the Agenda to execute two (2) Agreements related to Trauma Center Designation. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1798.165 gives the County Emergency

Medical Services (EMS) Agency 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 California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 7, Trauma Care System also requires that all designated trauma centers shall have a written agreement with the local emergency medical services system.

**Background:**

Traumatic injuries continue to be the leading cause of death for individuals under 45 years of age in the United States. The Santa Barbara County Trauma System, supported by our Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and our Level III Adult Trauma Center at Marian Regional Medical Center treated 1,867 patients in 2014. Pediatric patients accounted for 175 of those treated. 220 of these patients endured injuries meeting the most severe criteria, 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. The County EMS Agency 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.

On June 26, 2001, your Board approved an Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH) for its designation as a Level II Trauma Center. The Agreement was updated and revised May 17, 2011 and amended in 2013. The First Amendment to this Agreement included the requirements for Pediatric Trauma Center designation. SBCH met those requirements and was then reviewed and verified by the ACS Trauma Review Team, ensuring compliance to the required standards.

**Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH)**

Approval of Recommendation A will execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement that outlines the standards SBCH is required meet in order to maintain its designation as a Level II Adult Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center (California Code of Regulations, Title 22 Social Security, Division 9, Chapter 7, Trauma Care System).

The EMS Agency initially approved and designated SBCH as a Level II Adult Trauma Center in 2001. Level II Trauma Center designation requires that a hospital have equipment, staff, and resources immediately available to meet and treat a critically injured person. SBCH continues to meet the requirements to maintain this level of designation by the EMS Agency 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. This Second Amendment continues the designation of Cottage as a Level II adult and pediatric Trauma Center.

**Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC)**

Approval of Recommendation B will execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC) for Level III Trauma Center Designation. This Agreement outlines the standards and requirements for that designation according to California Code of Regulations, Title 22 Social Security, Division 9, Chapter 7, Trauma Care System. Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC) completed a favorable preliminary review by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the EMS Agency granted the initial Level III Trauma Center designation on April 15, 2013. MRMC is

scheduled for a final verification by the ACS on August 26 and August 27, 2015 as was required in the initial designation.

Both Agreements 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.

On April 15, 2013, your Board approved an Agreement with MRMC for its designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center based on their completion of a favorable preliminary review by the ACS. MRMC is scheduled for a final verification by the ACS on August 26 and August 27, 2015.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Under this Agreement Santa Barbara County will receive \$215,000 per year in revenue. SBCH agrees to pay \$160,000 and Marian Regional Medical Center agrees to pay \$55,000 for services provided by the EMS Agency for oversight, administration, and maintenance costs of the trauma system program. These funds are included as part of the FY 2015-16 adopted Public Health Department 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 Second Amendments with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System and two (2) original First Amendments 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 the PHD Contracts Unit at [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org) when available for pick up.

**Attachments:**

1. Second Amendment to the Agreement between Santa Barbara County and Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
2. Copy of executed First Amendment to the Agreement between Santa Barbara County and Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
3. Copy of executed Agreement between Santa Barbara County and Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
4. First Amendment to the Agreement between Santa Barbara County and Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.
5. Copy of Executed Agreement between Santa Barbara County and Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.

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