



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:** June 19, 2018  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Van Do-Reynoso, PhD, Director  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT:** **Fifth Amendment for Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center Designation Revenue Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital; Third Amendment for Level III Adult Trauma Center Designation Revenue 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 and authorize the Chair to execute a Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center Designation with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for annual revenue of \$170,818 with the term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (Attachment A).
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Level III Adult Trauma Center Designation for annual revenue of \$58,776 with the term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (Attachment G).
- 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 involved 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 Fifth Amendment with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH) and a Third Amendment with Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC) to extend the Agreements for 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 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. In fact, since 2005 there have been almost 30,000 trauma patients 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 our Level III Adult Trauma Center at MRMC treated 2,441 patients in 2017. Pediatric patients account for 7% of those treated. In 2017, 266 (11%) 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.

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. Furthermore, SBCH met the requirements to be designated as a Level I Adult Trauma Center and was granted designation by the EMS Agency in December 2017.

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 successfully completed a final verification by the ACS in August 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.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Under these Agreements Santa Barbara County will receive \$229,594 per year in total. SBCH agrees to pay \$170,818 and MRMC agrees to pay \$58,776 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 2018-19 recommended 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 Fifth Amendments with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System and two (2) original Third 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:**

- A. Fifth 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. Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level I Adult Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.
- C. Third Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
- D. Second Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
- E. First Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
- F. Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Health System for Designation as Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center.
- G. Third Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.
- H. Second Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.
- I. First Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.
- J. Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for Designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.

**Authored by:**

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