



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** April 10, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** May 20, 2014  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

**Subject:** Agreement with the San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless & Farm Worker Health Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless & Farm Worker Health Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1995, the Health System has administered San Mateo County's Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program grant through the San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC). Receipt of this federal grant from the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) qualifies SMMC as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), which in turn permits SMMC to receive an enhanced Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for care provided by SMMC's clinics. For FY 2012-13, SMMC received more than \$18 million in FQHC-related reimbursement.

In 2010, HRSA approved SMMC's request to include migrant and seasonal farmworkers in its HCH Program grant. The HCH Program then became the Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworker Health (HCH/FH) Program, to reflect this expansion of scope to include farmworkers.

**DISCUSSION:**

Under HRSA regulations, the HCH/FH Program must now meet certain additional requirements because of this expansion in scope, in order to continue receiving HRSA grant funds. This request to your Board addresses the most significant requirement: establishing a formal agreement between the HCH/FH Program's governing board and the County Board of Supervisors. This formal agreement has been drafted, approved

by the HCH/FH Program's governing board at its most recent regular monthly meeting of April 10, 2014, and now brought to your Board to execute said agreement.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement and Resolution as to form.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by improving access to affordable healthcare in the County. It is anticipated that 70% of the County's homeless population (as identified in the Center on Homeless' biannual "One Night Count") will have at least annual access to health services provided by the HCH/FH Program and SMMC. In addition, it is anticipated that at least 1,300 farm workers will annually access these services.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2013-14 Estimated	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percent of the county's homeless population who have annual access to health services	69%	70%
Number of farm workers who have annual access to health services	1031	1300

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Although there is no budgetary allocation associated with this agreement, executing this agreement will enable SMMC to meet HRSA requirements, and therefore ensure that the HRSA grant remains in place. As a result, SMMC will be able to continue receiving the enhanced Medi-Cal reimbursement rate, which accounted for \$18 million in FQHC reimbursement in FY12-13.