



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: March 30, 2015
Board Meeting Date: July 7, 2015
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 Jessie Hwang, OD for Optometry Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Jessie Hwang, OD to provide optometry services, for the term of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary optical care to its medically indigent population, as well as access to services to its general population. Dr. Hwang has been providing optometry services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for the past eight years and will continue to provide, at a minimum, the same level of service as she has under previous contracts with the County.

DISCUSSION:

The County's need for optometry services is increasing due to the aging of its patient population. SMMC will continue to meet this growing need through contracts with Dr. Hwang and other optometrists. Dr. Hwang has agreed to provide the necessary diabetic retinopathy screening and optometry examination coverage for County patients.

County Administrative Memorandum B-1 provides that contracts for physicians are exempt from the Request for Proposals process.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to optometry services to County residents. It is anticipated that 100% of all eye examinations will adhere to the infection control standards as defined by the Joint Commission and Title XXII of the State of California, Code of Regulations, which will result in the reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percent of eye examinations that adhere to infection control standards as defined by Joint Commission, Title XXII, and other applicable standards	100%	100%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$125,000 for the one-year term. Funds in the amount of \$100,000 are included in the SMMC FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. Funds in the amount of \$25,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget. The payment provisions of the contract are different from the prior contract because of a 9% increase in Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) baseline rates, upon which this contract's pricing is based. Prior to this agreement, Dr. Hwang's previous rate increase of 14% was by amendment in November 2013, also due to an MGMA increase.

Expenses at SMMC are covered by fees for services or third-party payors whenever possible. The portion of expenses for services provided to the medically indigent or to those covered by programs that do not meet the full costs of care is covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.