



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 8, 2012
Board Meeting Date: July 10, 2012
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: Amendment to Agreement with LocumTenens.Com

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with LocumTenens.Com to provide locum tenens providers to San Mateo Medical Center, extending the term through September 30, 2012, and increasing the amount by \$60,000 to \$160,000.

BACKGROUND:

On June 13, 2011, the County Manager approved an agreement with LocumTenens.Com (LocumTenens) for the term June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012, for a maximum fiscal obligation of \$100,000. LocumTenens, when and as requested in writing by the San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) Chief Medical Officer, provides locum tenens medical providers to SMMC. SMMC has a continuing need for urology providers that must be filled by locum tenens providers at this time. Urology services under this agreement began in May 2012.

DISCUSSION:

LocumTenens is providing the surgery, clinic and weekday call coverage for SMMC Urology. An individual contract Urologist is providing weekend call coverage.

The amendment will allow time to develop and publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Urology services and to identify and contract with others in specialty areas currently being filled by LocumTenens.

The amendment and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. Delay in submission of this amendment to your Board is the result of the delay by the vendor to sign and return the document in a timely manner.

SMMC also requests that your Board authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to non-emergency urgent care and allowing the Locum Tenens physicians to treat SMMC patients through clinics and surgery. It is anticipated that 100% of all requests submitted to LocumTenens for specialty physicians will be fulfilled within two weeks with qualified physicians who will meet SMMC credentialing requirements.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2010-11 Actual	FY 2011-12 Projected
Provide qualified physician specialists within two weeks of request	N/A	80%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is June 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$160,000. No funds were expended in FY 2010-11. Funds in the amount of \$80,000 are included in the SMMC FY 2011-12 Adopted Budget and will be expended during the months of May and June. Funds in the amount of \$80,000 are included in the SMMC FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget. This is the first contract with this vendor.

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 fully meet the costs of care are covered by the County General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.