



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 26, 2012
Board Meeting Date: August 14, 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: Agreement with Michael Trindade, MD

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Michael Trindade, MD to provide specialty orthopedic services for the term of September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014 in the amount of \$800,000

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population. This care includes professional specialty orthopedic services and the management and supervision of those services. The need for orthopedic services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) has been increasing due to the aging of the patient population. On September 13, 2011 your Board approved an agreement with Dr. Trindade for the term September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. On July 10, 2012, your Board approved an amendment to that agreement to increase funding for additional orthopedic services being provided by Dr. Trindade to address the backlog of orthopedic surgeries. Dr. Trindade has become one of the primary orthopedic services providers at SMMC.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Trindade will continue to address the backlog of orthopedic surgeries and provide weekly half-day clinic and surgery sessions, as well as 24-hour call coverage one week per month. He will also serve as Assistant Chief of Staff of Orthopedics. In that capacity he will work to ensure appropriate levels of treatment are being provided and patient access to care is improved and more timely. Orthopedic services are provided under the direction of the SMMC Chief Medical Officer, the Quality Assurance Committee, and the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff.

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

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The Contractor's insurance meets County Insurance Certification requirements.

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.

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.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to specialty orthopedic services to residents of San Mateo County. As a safety net hospital, SMMC is acutely aware of the importance of controlling hospital borne infections. Failure to control infection results in a higher cost to the County for additional care of those patients who become victims of a preventable infection. It is anticipated that 100% of all orthopedic services provided will adhere to the infection control standards as defined by the Joint Commission and Title 22 of the State of California Code of Regulations, which will result in reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2011-12 Estimate	FY 2012-13 Projected
Reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections and adhere to infection control standards as defined by Joint Commission, Title 22 and other applicable standards	100%	100%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$800,000. Funds in the amount of \$333,333 are included in the SMMC FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget. Funds in the amount of \$400,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future budget years. The payment provisions of the contract are less than the prior contract because it is anticipated that with the help of additional contract orthopedic specialists and Dr. Trindade's continued level of service, the orthopedic surgery backlog will be eliminated prior to the end of this contract period.

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 are covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.