



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: May 1, 2013
Board Meeting Date: July 9, 2013
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 San Mateo Orthopedic Medical Group

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with San Mateo Orthopedic Medical Group to provide specialty orthopedic services for the term of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population, and access to services to its general population. The County continues to have a need for orthopedic services.

Dr. Don Park agreed to provide services at San Mateo Medical Center when Dr. Bradley Graw became too busy in his private practice to fulfill the obligations of his agreement with the County. Dr. Park, through San Mateo Orthopedic Medical Group (SMOMG), has provided specialty orthopedic services to San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) since October 1, 2012. He is a general orthopedist whose specialty is arthroscopic surgery.

DISCUSSION:

The County need for orthopedic services continues to increase. SMMC will be able to meet this need through contracts with SMOMG and other orthopedists. Dr. Park will provide one half-day orthopedic clinic each week and one half-day surgery block each week. Services will include inpatient, ambulatory, surgical care and call. He will also cover one quarter of the orthopedic service call coverage including inpatient, ambulatory and Emergency Department consults, and all follow-up from call including operative cases and the relative number of fracture clinics based per week of call.

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 certification requirements.

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 agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to orthopedic surgery 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 higher cost to the County for additional care of those patients who become victims of a preventable infection. The County is not reimbursed for patients who are readmitted due to hospital borne infections. It is anticipated that 100% of all orthopedic surgical 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 and eliminate the need for readmission.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 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 October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$300,000. Funds in the amount of \$225,000 are included in the SMMC FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget and \$75,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget. The payment provisions of this agreement are different from the prior agreement because the Contractor will increase the level of service to be provided by 50%. This agreement is \$100,000 more than the previous agreement.

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.