



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



**Date:** July 26, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** September 10, 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:** Acceptance of a \$2.3 million dollar grant from Peninsula Healthcare District for FY 2013-14 and amendment of the related agreement

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution accepting a grant from the Peninsula Health Care District in the amount of \$2,300,000 for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in support of the County's Access to Care for Everyone Program and authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Peninsula Health Care District, extending the term through June 30, 2014.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County has created and operates the San Mateo County Access and Care for Everyone (ACE) Program for the provision of health coverage for eligible, low-income uninsured County residents, providing healthcare services to this population at the San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) main campus, SMMC's clinics, and the Ravenswood Family Health Center and through other providers who contract with the County. The Peninsula Health Care District (the District) is a public health care district formed and operating pursuant to the Local Health Care District Law. The District serves the community by responding to local health needs by allocating resources for programs that enhance or serve the health needs of the District's residents. Both the District and the Health System have determined that there is a public need for the provision of basic health care for uninsured District residents residing in San Mateo County. Many of those uninsured residents participate in the ACE Program.

In December 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the District relating to the receipt of a \$2.3 million grant for FY 2012-13. That agreement envisioned extending the arrangement by one year for an additional \$2.3 million for FY 2013-14 upon mutual agreement by the parties. The District has since accepted updated performance and other information from SMMC and has approved the one-year, \$2.3 million extension of the agreement.

**DISCUSSION:**

In light of the above background, the District authorized a grant to the County totaling \$2,300,000 for Fiscal Year 2013-14, to be paid on a quarterly basis, with certain outcomes, including that: at least 979 District residents will be covered by the ACE Program in FY 2013-14; at least 90% of patients served by SMMC’s Innovative Care Clinic will be assigned to the clinic as a “medical home”; the waiting list for new ACE clients seeking non-urgent primary care from the Innovative Care Clinic will be reduced by 20%; the “no show” rate for the Innovative Care Clinic will be 15% or lower; and the inpatient admission rate at SMMC for uncontrolled diabetes will be 10% or lower as more than 90% of clients with diabetes have their care managed in an ambulatory setting. These outcomes are reflective of SMMC’s quality and access goals.

SMMC also requests that your Board authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the grant agreement’s term and/or language so long as the modified term or language is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by increasing access to health care to those in the County who are uninsured, as well as by achieving important quality metrics for participants of the ACE Program. It is anticipated that 90% of eligible patients at the Innovative Care Clinic will be assigned to a primary care provider team.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2012-13 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2013-14 Projected</b>
Percent of eligible patients at the Innovative Care Clinic will be assigned to primary care provider teams.	99.0%*	at least 90%**

\*Measure exceeded expectations for FY 2012-13. \*\*Projected measure based on SMMC’s annual quality goal.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of this grant agreement, as amended, is from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014. The maximum grant amount from the District is \$2,300,000 for FY 2013-14. Funds in this amount are included in the SMMC FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget. If the District encounters any changes in its structure of funding, the grant award may be reduced.

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 County General Fund contribution to SMMC and are within the existing annual appropriation.