



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health Systems



Date: May 28, 2014
Board Meeting Date: July 15, 2014
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 the agreement with ScriptPro USA, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with ScriptPro USA, Inc. to provide a Robotic Prescription Dispensing System at San Mateo Medical Center, extending the term through June 30, 2015, and increasing the amount by \$40,000 to an amount not to exceed \$290,200.

BACKGROUND:

On June 9, 2009, your Board approved an agreement with ScriptPro USA, Inc. (ScriptPro) for a Robotic Prescription Dispensing System (RPDS) at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for the term August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2013. On April 3, 2012, SMMC's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) approved an amendment increasing the amount of the agreement by \$25,000. On May 2, 2013, SMMC's CEO approved a second amendment extending the term of the agreement by three months through October 31, 2013. On July 9, 2013, your Board approved a third amendment to the agreement, increasing the amount by \$40,000 and extending through June 30, 2014, while a Request for Proposals (RFP) was completed.

ScriptPro provides an RPDS that automates repetitive manual dispensing tasks accurately and efficiently for the SMMC Pharmacy. The RPDS interfaces with the Pharmacy's computer system to fill, label, and deliver up to 150 prescriptions per hour, dispensing tablets and capsules of all shapes and sizes into standard pharmacy vials. In addition, the RPDS fills directly from the dispensing cells so there is no cross-contamination of drugs.

DISCUSSION:

In December 2013, an RFP was completed for an RPDS system. However, the panel reviewing the submissions determined that due to rapidly advancing RPDS technology, new vendors with pioneering technological advancements were not available to respond at the time the RFP was published. Since changing to a new RPDS system is a major undertaking, the Pharmacy Director has requested that the current agreement be extended by one more year in order to allow issuance of a new Request for Information (RFI) to explore the advances in RPDS technology that may better suit the Pharmacy's needs. Once the RFI is completed, a new RFP will be issued.

The County's Contract Compliance Committee has approved a waiver request to extend the agreement by a total of twenty-three months beyond the originally approved five year term.

The amendment and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The contractor meets 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.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to prescription medication services to residents of San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 100% of prescriptions will be accurately provided in a timely manner.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2013-14 Estimate	FY 2014-15 Projected
Prescriptions accurately provided in a timely manner	100%	100%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is August 1, 2008 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$290,200. Funds in the amount of \$40,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget.

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.