



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 30, 2014
Board Meeting Date: August 5, 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: Agreement with Paul Holland, MD

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Paul Holland, MD to provide ophthalmology services for the term of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Paul Holland is a licensed Board-certified ophthalmologist who has provided ophthalmology services to the patients of San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for the past four years. His services include the diagnosis of and treatment for diseases of the eye, including surgery, clinics for eye injury, trauma or refractive corrections. Patients treated at SMMC have a continuing need for such eye care services and Dr. Holland offers the hospital the benefits of an experienced provider familiar with the complex nature of the County's patient base.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Holland's services include inpatient, ambulatory and emergency care. He will provide up to two ophthalmology clinic blocks and four surgery blocks each month, as well as emergency call coverage.

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 meets insurance certification requirements.

SMMC is also asking the Board to 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) for each agreement 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.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to ophthalmology services to residents of San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 100% of all ophthalmology surgical procedures will adhere to the infection control standards as defined by the Joint Commission and Title XXII of the State of California Code of Regulations, which will result in reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2013-14 Estimated | FY 2014-15 Projected |
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| Percentage of ophthalmology surgical procedures adhering to infection control standards as defined by Joint Commission, Title XXII, and other applicable standards | 100% | 100% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$300,000 for the two year term. Funds in the amount of \$112,500 are included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget. Funds in the amount of \$150,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future years. The payment provisions and levels of service of this contract are different from the prior contract because of a reduction in the number of clinic and surgery blocks being provided. This contract represents a \$50,000 (14%) reduction in cost compared to 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 meet the full costs of care are covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.