



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 25, 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: Acceptance of a Grant from Tides Foundation

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution accepting a grant from the Center for Care Innovations Fund of Tides Foundation, in partnership with California HealthCare Foundation and The California Endowment, in the amount of \$138,000 in support of the San Mateo Medical Center's Innovation Center for the Safety Net Program.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) is one of three “hubs” in the Innovation Center for the Safety Net Program (Innovation Center). The purpose of the Innovation Center, an initiative of the Center for Care Innovations Fund, is to bring new technologies that would benefit our patients and could be spread to other safety net providers to help their patients.

DISCUSSION:

SMMC has been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$138,000 from the Center for Care Innovations Fund of the Tides Foundation, in partnership with California HealthCare Foundation and The California Endowment. The grant is in support of SMMC's Innovation Center related activities. SMMC intends to pilot 4 – 6 new technologies by partnering with early stage companies and evaluating their products' performance using metrics that demonstrate clinical and financial improvement. The grant also covers assistance in creating a sustainable innovation program at SMMC.

SMMC currently has three active Innovation Center projects. The first project is a mobile application that helps people through the preparation process before their colonoscopy. The second project is an analytics product that can identify patients at risk for different diseases. The third project is a product which produces medication

instructions in multiple languages and diagrams to make medication regimens easier for patients.

The Resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Acceptance of this grant contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to new technologies that would be beneficial to the patients at SMMC. It is anticipated that a minimum of four new technologies will be piloted over the two year period of the grant.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Estimated	FY 2014-15 Projected
Minimum number of new technologies piloted	3	4

FISCAL IMPACT:

SMMC has received grant funding in the amount of \$138,000. The first installment was included in the SMMC FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget. The remaining installments will be included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget. Since SMMC is the recipient of these funds, there is no Net County Cost.

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.