



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



**Date:** December 31, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** February 10, 2015  
**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 Grace Hassid, MD

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Grace Hassid, MD to provide infection control services, for the term of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$116,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

In April 2013, Dr. Grace Hassid assumed the role of Medical Director for Infection Control at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC). Infection control addresses factors related to the spread of infections within the healthcare setting, including prevention (via hand hygiene/hand washing, cleaning/disinfection/sterilization, vaccination, surveillance), monitoring/investigation of demonstrated or suspected spread of infection within a particular health-care setting (surveillance and outbreak investigation), and management (interruption of outbreaks).

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Hassid will continue to provide infection prevention and control for the patients and staff of SMMC on a half time basis in conjunction with the SMMC Manager of Infection Control.

County Administrative Memorandum B-1 provides that contracts for physicians are exempt from the Request for Proposals process.

The Resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

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

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by striving to provide an infection free environment for the patients of SMMC. As a safety net hospital, SMMC is acutely aware of the importance of infection control. It is anticipated that all services provided at SMMC regardless of specialty 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 a reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2014-15 Estimated	FY 2015-16 Projected
Services provided at SMMC adhering to the infection control standards as defined by the Joint Commission and Title XXII of the State of California Code of Regulations	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$116,000 for the one-year term. Funds in the amount of \$28,988 are included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. Funds in the amount of \$87,012 will be included in the SMMC FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future years.

The payment provisions of the agreement are different from the prior agreement because contractor is now being paid at the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) median rate for infectious control which is a 16% increase over the prior negotiated agreement. The MGMA rate was not used to determine the amount of the prior agreement at the contractor's request.

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.