



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: March 22, 2016
Board Meeting Date: April 26, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Nancy Lapolla, Director, Emergency Medical Services

Subject: Amendment to agreement with Stanford Health Care for an Emergency Medical Services Medical Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Stanford Health Care to provide a Medical Director to the Emergency Medical Services division, increasing the amount by \$33,000 to an amount not to exceed \$132,500 and extending the term of the agreement to June 30, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

California law requires that each local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency have a Medical Director, which may be provided by contract.

Since March 1, 2015, Dr. Gregory Gilbert has served as the EMS medical director. As the medical director, Dr. Gilbert is responsible for oversight of the local EMS system, creating medical treatment protocols, developing medical policy, and conducting medical research, in addition to other duties. In collaboration with the Director of Emergency Medical Services, the medical director helps provides oversight and coordination of the countywide emergency medical services system that include 911 emergency medical dispatch, fire paramedic first response, and emergency paramedic ground and air ambulance transport services. Dr. Gilbert is an employee of Stanford Health Care and, therefore, the County has contracted with Stanford Healthcare to reimburse that agency for the time that Dr. Gilbert spends discharging duties as the EMS medical director. This contract between the County and Stanford Healthcare was for a period ending on February 29, 2016 for an amount not to exceed \$99,500.

DISCUSSION:

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was conducted in December 2015 to update the Medical Director scope of work and ensure a competitive process for the position. As a

result of that RFP, Dr. Gilbert was selected to continue in the role of EMS Medical Director. He will continue to be responsible for the EMS medical director duties described above.

Dr. Gilbert continues to be employed by Stanford Health Care and it is therefore necessary for the County to continue contracting with that agency for Dr. Gilbert's services. In order to ensure continued provision of these medical director services, we recommend that your Board approve an amendment to the existing agreement with Stanford Health Care to extend its term for four months, through June 30, 2016 and to increase the maximum amount payable by \$33,000, to \$132,500.

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

Approval of this amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing quality oversight and emergency medical care to the people of San Mateo County through the 911 System, and emergency preparedness activities. It is anticipated that the Medical Director will attend 20 clinical quality improvement activities geared at improving the quality of services provided to the community.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2015-16 Estimated | FY 2016-17 Projected |
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| Number of clinical quality improvement activities and other EMS meetings attended by and facilitated by EMS Medical Director | 20 | 25 |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the amended agreement is March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The contract amount has been increased by \$33,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$132,500 for the term. This amount has been included in the EMS FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. This agreement is 100% funded with Maddy funds, with no associated net county cost.