



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: May 16, 2016
Board Meeting Date: June 21, 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: Agreement with Stanford Health Care for Emergency Medical Services
Medical Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Stanford Health Care to provide a Medical Director to the Emergency Medical Services division, for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.

BACKGROUND:

California law requires that each local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency have a Medical Director and specifies that the service may be provided by contract.

Since March 1, 2015, Dr. Gregory Gilbert has served as the EMS Medical Director (Medical Director).

In December 2015, to update the Medical Director scope of work and ensure a competitive process for the position, a request for letters of interest was sent out to the EMS Medical Director Association of California and emergency physician stakeholder groups within San Mateo County. As a result of that process, panel interviews with interested candidates were conducted and Dr. Gilbert was selected to continue in the Medical Director role.

DISCUSSION:

In collaboration with the Director of EMS, the Medical Director helps provide oversight and coordination of the countywide EMS system that includes 911 emergency medical dispatch, fire paramedic first response, and emergency paramedic ground and air ambulance transport services. In addition, the Medical Director is responsible for creating medical treatment protocols, developing medical policies, and conducting medical research, in addition to other duties.

Dr. Gilbert is an employee of Stanford Health Care and, therefore, the County has contracted with Stanford Health Care for the time that Dr. Gilbert spends as the Medical Director.

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

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

This agreement 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 or facilitate 25 clinical quality improvement activities geared at improving the quality of services provided to the community.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
Number of clinical quality improvement activities and other EMS meetings attended and/or facilitated by Medical Director	22	25

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$108,000 for the one-year term. This amount has been included in the EMS division FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget. EMS funding comes from two sources - the EMS trust fund and system oversight fees from the agreement between the County and American Medical Response for ambulance services. As such, there is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.