



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



**Date:** May 3, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 12, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System  
Chester Kunnappilly, MD, Interim Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

**Subject:** Agreement with Renata Jarosz, DO for Physiatry Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Renata Jarosz, DO to provide physiatry services, for the term of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$316,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

In September 2014, Dr. Renata Jarosz began providing a musculoskeletal clinic and physical medicine (physiatry) services for San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC). The main purpose of the physiatry clinic is to diagnose and treat patients with complex musculoskeletal pain syndromes and to triage referrals to orthopedic surgery and neurosurgery services. The screen/triage process ensures only surgical patients are referred to orthopedics and neurosurgery, and physical medicine patients are treated non-surgically. Many of these patients are in need of other non-surgical treatments, such as pain injections or physical therapy. As a result, more patients continue to be seen in a shorter amount of time, both surgically and non-surgically.

Dr. Jarosz has provided excellent coordination of physiatry, neurosurgery, orthopedic and physical therapy services.

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Jarosz will continue to provide physiatry services five days a week to SMMC patients. In addition, Dr. Jarosz will also serve as Medical Director for the Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments.

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 providing access to basic psychiatry services to County residents. It is anticipated that with the continued expedient service to patients with non-surgical needs, the backlog of patients waiting for orthopedic services will be reduced by 20% to 102 patients.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2015-16 Estimated	FY 2016-17 Projected
Number of patients waiting for orthopedic services	127	102

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is September 1, 2016 through August 31; 2017. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$316,000 for the one-year term. Funds in the amount of \$263,333 are included in the SMMC FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget. Funds in the amount of \$52,667 will be included in the SMMC FY 2017-18 Recommended Budget.

The payment provisions for this contract are different from the previous contract due to the rate increase for psychiatrists, as per the benchmarking organization Medical Group Management Association (MGMA). This contract represents a 3% increase over the previous contract, to reflect current MGMA rates. Also included in this contract amount is \$3,000 per month for Dr. Jarosz's new Medical Director duties.

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.