



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 23, 2016
Board Meeting Date: August 9, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

Subject: Agreement with John McNamara, MD for Ophthalmology Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with John McNamara, MD to provide ophthalmology services, for the term of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population, and access to services to its general population. Dr. McNamara has been providing ophthalmology services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for more than twenty years and will continue to provide, at a minimum, the same level of service as he has under previous contracts with the County.

DISCUSSION:

The County's need for ophthalmology services is increasing due to the aging of its patient population. SMMC will continue to meet this growing need through contracts with Dr. McNamara and other ophthalmologists. Dr. McNamara has agreed to provide the necessary surgery, clinic and call coverage, at least four (4) half-day clinics per month for County patients. Additionally, Dr. McNamara will serve in the position of Chief of Ophthalmology.

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 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 ophthalmology services to residents of San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 100% of all cataract surgery services provided 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 reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
Percentage of cataract surgery services provided 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 reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections	100%	100%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$330,000 for the two-year term. Funds in the amount of \$137,500 have been included in the SMMC FY 2016-17 Approved Recommended Budget. Funds in the amount of \$165,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2017-18 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future years.

The payment provisions and levels of service in this contract are 13% higher for clinical services due to the increase in rates established by the Medical Group Management Association, which SMMC uses for benchmarking its physician contracts.

Expenses at SMMC are covered by fees for services or third-party payors whenever possible. The portion of expenses for services provided to the medical indigent or to those covered by programs that do not fully meet the costs of care are covered by the County General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.