



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: September 26, 2012
Board Meeting Date: November 6, 2012
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 San Mateo Orthopedic Medical Group

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with San Mateo Orthopedic Medical Group to provide specialty orthopedic services for the term of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, in the amount of \$200,000.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population, and access to services to its general population. The County's need for these orthopedic services is increasing due to the aging of its patient population.

On February 28, 2012, an agreement was approved for Dr. Bradley Graw to provide orthopedic services to the County for the term May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2014. However, Dr. Graw's private practice has become so busy he is no longer able to provide the services called for under his agreement.

DISCUSSION:

San Mateo Orthopedic Medical Group has agreed to provide one half-day orthopedic clinic every other week and one half-day surgery block every other week. Services will include inpatient, ambulatory and surgical care. Delayed submission of this agreement to your Board is the result of the lengthy negotiations with the new provider.

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

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The contractor's insurance meets certification requirements.

SMMC also requests that your Board authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to orthopedic surgery services to residents of San Mateo County. As a safety net hospital, SMMC is acutely aware of the importance of controlling hospital borne infections. Failure to control infection results in higher cost to the County for additional care of those patients who become victims of a preventable infection. It is anticipated that 100% of all orthopedic surgical services provided will adhere to the infection control standards as defined by the Joint Commission and Title 22 of the State of California Code of Regulations, which will result in reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2011-12 Actual | FY 2012-13 Projected |
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| Reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections and adhere to infection control standards as defined by Joint Commission, Title 22, and other applicable standards | 100% | 100% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$200,000. Funds in the amount of \$150,000 are included in the SMMC FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget and \$50,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget.

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 fully meet the costs of care are covered by the County General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.