



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: March 20, 2013
Board Meeting Date: April 23, 2013
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 Ronald Greenwald, MD

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Ronald Greenwald, MD to provide neurosurgery services for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$579,696.

BACKGROUND:

Neurosurgery services are provided under the general direction of the Chief of Surgery at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC). Such care includes the evaluation and treatment of brain, spinal cord and peripheral nervous system diseases, including brain cancer, brain aneurysms, spinal cord and nerve root impingement syndromes (ruptured/herniated discs), and peripheral nerve impingement syndromes (carpel tunnel). Dr. Greenwald has provided professional neurosurgery services at SMMC since 1991.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Greenwald will continue to provide neurosurgery services at SMMC. He will perform surgeries and provide a half-day clinic every week. He will also provide Emergency Department call coverage every night.

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. Contractor's meets insurance 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 patients access to the evaluation and treatment of diseases requiring neurosurgery. As a safety net hospital SMMC is acutely aware of the importance of controlling hospital borne infections, especially in the surgical setting. Failure to control infection results in higher cost to the County for additional care of those patients who becomes victims of a preventable infection. It is anticipated that 100% of all neurosurgery 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 2012-13 Estimated	FY 2013-14 Projected
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 July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$579,696. Funds in the amount of \$289,848 are included in the SMMC FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget and \$289,848 will be included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget. The payment provisions and levels of service in this agreement are essentially the same as the prior contract.

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.