



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 8, 2015
Board Meeting Date: August 4, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Susan Ehrlich, MD, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

Subject: Acceptance of grant funds from the Sequoia Healthcare District to implement the Community Care Transitions program at the San Mateo Medical Center and the expansion of the Ron Robinson Senior Care Center in the Fair Oaks Health Center

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution authorizing the Memoranda of Understanding between the County and Sequoia Healthcare District (Sequoia) and accepting grant funding from Sequoia to implement the Community Care Transitions Program at the San Mateo Medical Center and the expansion of the Ron Robinson Senior Care Center at the Fair Oaks Health Center for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$1,346,750.

BACKGROUND:

As the County's safety net public hospital, San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) has a mission to provide medical services to the uninsured and indigent throughout its system of care. Paying for the cost of delivering this care is a perpetual challenge. SMMC's Fair Oaks Health Center (FOHC) serves a patient population that resides within the geographic boundaries of the Sequoia Healthcare District (SHD). Recognizing the growing need for medical care of the County's uninsured and indigent, SHD awarded SMMC \$4.3 million towards the cost of building FOHC, which opened in December 2013.

DISCUSSION:

On May 15, 2015, SHD's Board of Directors authorized two grants to the County, in support of SMMC's efforts to provide care to the uninsured and medically indigent in the SHD. The first SHD grant (\$429,000) helps cover the cost of expanding the Ron Robinson Senior Care Center (RRSCC) to FOHC. The second SHD grant (\$917,750) supports the implementation of SMMC's Community Care Transitions program. The

grants are being awarded pursuant to two separate Memoranda of Understanding between the SHD and the County.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the Memoranda of Understanding by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate) for each agreement.

The resolution and agreements have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Acceptance of these grants contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing residents with access to healthcare and preventative care. It is anticipated that 18% of SMMC'S patients living in the SHD will be funded by the SHD.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2014-15 Projected	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percent of SMMC's patients living in the SHD whose care will be funded by SHD	18%	18%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The three-year grants total \$1,346,750. Funds in the amount of \$469,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. Similar arrangements will be made in future years. Since these are grants, there is no net county cost associated with these agreements.

Expenses at SMMC are covered by fees for services or third-party payors whenever possible. The portions 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 contributions such as this from the SHD and the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC.