



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 13, 2015
Board Meeting Date: October 20, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, 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, 2015 through August 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$410,920.

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, as well as 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 for a better coordination of physiatry, neurosurgery, orthopedic and physical therapy services.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Jarosz will continue to provide physiatry services to the patients of SMMC. She will increase the number of physiatry clinical services from five to seven days per week. 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 physiatry 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(S):

| Measure | FY 2014-15 Actual | FY 2015-16 Projected |
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| Number of patients waiting for orthopedic services | 127 | 102 |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$410,920 for the one-year term. Funds in the amount of \$342,433 are included in the SMMC FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. Funds in the amount of \$68,487 will be included in the SMMC FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget.

This is the first contract with Dr. Jarosz. While providing services at SMMC prior to this contract, Dr. Jarosz provided services through the contract with Dr. Marsha Bluto. The payment provisions for this contract are different from the previous contract for the same type services because Dr. Jarosz will be providing additional full day clinics across multiple clinic sites. This contract represents a 34% increase over the previous 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, and are within the existing annual appropriation.