




COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

San Mateo Medical Center

DATE: February 9, 2004

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 24, 2004

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Nancy J. Steiger, Chief Executive Officer 
SUBJECT: Agreement with Drs. Herbert and Cohen Medical Group

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an agreement with Drs. Herbert and Cohen Medical Group.

Background

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population. This care includes professional anesthesia services. Drs. Herbert and Cohen Medical Group, Inc. will provide professional anesthesia services including the management and supervision of those services. Dr. Aviva Cohen and Dr. William Tom have provided these services as individual providers since 2003 and currently until Dr. Tom decided to terminate his service agreement as of February 29th, 2004.

Discussion

As of March 1, 2004 the San Mateo Medical Center will no longer contract with Dr. William Tom. Drs. Herbert and Cohen Medical Group, Inc. will continue to provide the same level of services as Dr. William Tom and Dr. Aviva Cohen delivered as individual providers.

Anesthesia services are provided under the general direction of the Director of Hospital and Clinics. Monitoring and evaluation of the quality of services provided by contractor are accomplished through peer review by the Quality Assurance Committee and the Executive Committee of the medical staff.

Vision Alignment

This agreement keeps the commitment to Ensure Basic Health and Safety for All and goal number 5: Provide residents access to healthcare and preventive care. The MOA contributes to this commitment and goal by continuing to provide anesthesia services to county patients.

Fiscal Impact

The term of these agreements is for one year from March 1, 2004 through May 31, 2005. The maximum amount of the agreement is \$1,722,240. Funding is included in San Mateo Medical Center's FY2003-04 Approved Budget and FY2004-05 Recommended Budget.