



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

San Mateo Medical Center

DATE: March 25, 2005
BOARD MEETING DATE: April 12, 2005
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Nancy J. Steiger, Chief Executive Officer *nm for NS*
SUBJECT: Amendment to the Agreement with Peninsula Pathologists Medical Group, Inc.

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Amendment to the agreement with Peninsula Pathologists Medical Group, Inc. to provide management, supervision, and physician services in clinical and anatomical pathology through March 30, 2005 and increasing the maximum Agreement obligation by \$75,000 from \$1,900,000 to \$1,975,000.

Vision Alignment

Commitment: To Ensure Basic Health and Safety for All.

Goal 5: Provide residents access to healthcare and preventive care.

The agreement contributes to this commitment and goal by providing specialty services to county patients.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY2004-05	FY2005-06
Ensure laboratory and pathology services are compliant with JCAHO and State of California Regulations.	100%	100%

Background/Discussion

Peninsula Pathologists Medical Group, Inc. has provided management, supervision, and physician services for clinical and anatomical pathology to the San Mateo Medical Center for the last three years. SMMC has a continuous need for 24-hour laboratory coverage and this group offers the hospital the benefits of a large practice with pathology specialties and administrative support. County is currently negotiating a long term multi-year contract effective April 1, 2005 that recognizes cost savings and includes expanded lines of business in the area of bone density services.

This amendment increases the maximum amount of the agreement and will also incorporate current HIPAA language into the existing agreement. Risk Management and County Counsel have approved the Amendment.

Term and Fiscal Impact

The previous Agreement is being amended to increase the maximum by \$75,000, from \$1,900,000 to \$1,975,000. This amount will cover three months of services for Medical Director of Anatomical Pathology, Cytology services, histology services, Point of Care Coordinator, and transcription services. The term of the previous Agreement is amended to extend the contract by three months from January 1, 2005 through March 30, 2005. The maximum amount the County shall be obligated to pay Contractor is increased by \$75,000 from \$1,900,000 to \$1,975,000. Funds are included in the San Mateo Medical Center's FY2004-05 Adopted Budget.