



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Health System

DATE: September 4, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: September 29, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Brian J. Zamora, Director, Community Health Division

SUBJECT: Amendment Four to the Agreement with American Medical Response West for Phlebotomy Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute Amendment Four to the Agreement with American Medical Response West for phlebotomy services to increase the maximum obligation by \$20,000 from \$905,910 to a new maximum obligation of \$925,910.

BACKGROUND:

Following a Request for Proposals process in May 2005, your Board approved an Agreement with American Medical Response West (AMR) to provide phlebotomy services from July 2005 through December 2006, for a maximum obligation of \$216,000. In January 2007 your Board approved an Amendment extending the term through December 31, 2007, and increasing the maximum obligation to \$396,000. In December 2007 your Board approved an Amendment extending the term through June 2009, and increasing the maximum obligation to \$676,410. In March 2009 your Board approved an Amendment extending the term through September 30, 2009, and increasing the maximum obligation to \$905,910. The services are of great assistance to local law enforcement agencies and the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office. Phlebotomy services provided under this Agreement consist of collection of blood specimen evidence used in the prosecution of driving-under-the-influence incidents.

DISCUSSION:

A new Agreement with a different provider will start October 1, 2009. This



Amendment is necessary to pay for services provided by AMR through September 2009 as services levels were slightly higher than anticipated.

This Amendment increases the maximum obligation by \$20,000 from \$905,910 for a new maximum obligation of \$925,910

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Amendment as to form.

Approval of this Amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by assuring timely response to public safety incidents and ensuring that evidence is gathered in a timely fashion. It is anticipated that more than 90% of calls will be responded to within 40 minutes. This measure is important to assure that law enforcement personnel are not held up at the scene, but allowed to be back on patrol.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2008-09 Actual	FY 2009-10 Projected
Percentage of response times less than 40 minutes to calls for blood draws.	91%	90%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the Amended Agreement is July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2009. The maximum obligation is increased by \$20,000 from \$905,910 for a new maximum obligation of \$925,910. The additional \$20,000 will be paid with County General Funds, representing the Net County Cost of the Amendment, will be covered by the Health System, and are included in the Emergency Medical Services tentatively Adopted FY 2009-10 Budget.