



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director
Date: January 6, 2015

Subject: Contract #23-495-1 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (dba Kaiser Permanente – Walnut Creek)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute, on behalf of the County, Contract #23-495-1 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, (dba Kaiser Permanente –Walnut Creek), a non-profit corporation, to act as a designated center to assist patients who have been assessed by ambulance personnel with a suspected stroke, for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

In collaboration with hospitals, fire first-responders and emergency ambulance services, Contra Costa Emergency Medical Care Committee, and the Contra Costa Stroke Advisory Committee, Contra Costa EMS has been working towards implementation of a program that will provide quicker access to definitive care for patients with symptoms of acute stroke. Strokes occur when blood flow to the brain has been disrupted due to a blockage in a vessel (ischemic stroke) or bleeding in the brain (hemorrhagic stroke). Research has shown significant reduction in mortality and morbidity when stroke patients are identified in the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/06/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 6, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Patricia Frost
(313-9554)

field and transported, with advance notification,

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

to a hospital staffed and equipped to provide rapid stroke care. A nationally-recognized goal is to provide primary stroke center intervention within three to four and one half hours of onset of symptoms. Identification of a suspected stroke patient begins in the field and requires rapid identification and subsequent triage to a primary stroke center. All ambulance and fire first responder paramedics in the county have been trained in the rapid recognition of stroke patients using the Cincinnati Stroke Scale.

On October 25, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #23-495 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, (dba Kaiser Permanente –Walnut Creek) to act as a designated center to assist patients who have been assessed by ambulance personnel with a suspected stroke, for the period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

Approval of Contract #23-495-1 will designate Kaiser Permanente – Walnut Creek as a Primary Stroke Center that is prepared to respond with emergency department teams in consultation with neurologists, to promptly intervene when notified of the pending arrival of a stroke patient, through December 31, 2017, including mutual indemnification to hold harmless both parties for any claims arising out of the performance of this Contract.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this Contract is not approved, designation of this facility as a Primary Stroke Center will impede the implementation of a coordinated stroke system in Contra Costa County.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.