



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director
Date: March 10, 2015

Subject: Amendment Agreement #26-346-17 with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute on behalf of the County, Amendment Agreement #26-346-16 (V261-13-S-0074) P00003, with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Northern California Health Care System (VANCHCS), effective January 1, 2015, to amend Sharing Agreement #26-346-14 (as amended by Amendments #26-346-15 and #26-346-16), to increase the total payment limit by \$625,000 from \$1,736,000 to a new total of \$2,361,000 and extend to term of the Agreement through December 31, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Amendment Agreement will result in an increase of \$625,000 funded in the Health Services Department's Enterprise I Budget. Under the terms of the agreement, VANCHCS will continue to be paid a fee for each service in accordance with the revised fee schedule incorporated in the Contract, through December 31, 2015.

The services provided for the County's patients under this Contract are billable to patients and third party payors.

☒ APPROVE
 ☐ OTHER
☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR
 ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/10/2015** ☒ 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

ABSENT: 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: March 10, 2015

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Anna Roth, 370-5101

BACKGROUND:

For many years, the County and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have maintained a mutual sharing agreement, which has made available to the County specialized medical services not otherwise available due to lack of resources, equipment, and personnel. These services included specialized laboratory testing, radiology services, nuclear medicine studies, CT scans, MRI's, dermatology, gastroenterology, urology, audiology and speech, and ophthalmology services. The County provided Emergency Room treatment and inpatient care, including certain ancillary services, for VA-referred patients.

On March 19, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved Sharing Agreement #26-346-14 (as amended by Contract amendment Agreements #26-346-15 and #26-346-16) with VANCHCS (under the auspices of the VANCHCS Nuclear Regulatory Commission License) to provide a full range of Nuclear Medicine Services to County's patients at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Martinez and/or the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center's Nuclear Medicine Department, through December 31, 2014, including continuation of mutual indemnification to hold harmless both parties for any claims arising out of the performance of this agreement.

Approval of Amendment Agreement #26-346-17 will allow Contractor to continue providing nuclear medicine services to Contra Costa Regional Medical Center's Nuclear Medicine Department through December 31, 2015.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this amendment is not approved, County's patients will not receive specialized nuclear medicine services.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.