

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Community Health, Clinics, and Animal Services

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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DATE: June 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Tahoe Forest Hospital Contract for Midlevel Practitioner Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to take the following actions relative to the provision of midlevel practitioner services by Tahoe Forest Hospital:

- a. Authorize the Auditor to pay an invoice in the amount of \$9,800 for services rendered during FY 2009-10,
- b. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign a contract amendment increasing spending authority for FY 2010-11 contract number CN005121 from \$7,700 to \$12,500, and
- c. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign a contract for FY 2011-12 in the amount of \$12,500.

BACKGROUND:

Health and Human Services (HHS) provides primary and preventive health care in the rural health clinic in Kings Beach. A full-time County midlevel practitioner provides the majority of this care, and some extra help midlevel practitioner staffing is also used. HHS contracts with Tahoe Forest Hospital to provide back-up midlevel practitioners during the periods when the County employee is on leave and/or times of reduced availability of extra help staff. An extended Tahoe midlevel practitioner recruitment did not yield additional extra-help candidates and therefore it has been essential to continue to contract with Tahoe Forest Hospital to ensure the uninterrupted provision of health care at the Kings Beach Clinic. Tahoe Forest Hospital has been a close partner of HHS in the Tahoe region, not only for this provision of midlevel practitioners to the Clinic (since 1997), but also through the inpatient and emergency services Tahoe Forest Hospital provides to County patients as well as coordination with the community on healthcare.

During Fiscal Year 2009-10, Tahoe Forest Hospital submitted a single annual invoice after the closing date of the contract. Internal fiscal procedures in conjunction with Tahoe Forest Hospital have been modified to ensure the timely submission and payment of invoices. However, this invoice exceeded the contract amount by \$2,800. The Board is requested to give approval for this invoice to be paid.

Based on last year's experience and current use, the Board is also requested to increase the FY 2010-11 contract amount from \$7,700 to \$12,500 to meet the needs of staffing in the Kings Beach Clinic, and to approve a contract for FY 2011-12 for the same amount. The increased need is due to limited availability of extra help practitioners and some increased vacation time for the full-time practitioner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost for all three fiscal years is \$34,800. This includes \$20,000 (57%) in Federal and State funds and \$14,800 (43%) in County General Funds. These costs are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Final and 2011-12 Proposed Budgets.

The FY 2010-11 amendment and FY 2011-12 contract are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

