

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 17, 2000

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PATIENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,915 FOR MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES DURING FY 2000**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract in the amount of \$37,915 with Huntington Memorial Hospital to provide social services to patients in the City's Comprehensive Perinatal Service Program, for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001; and,
2. Grant this contract an exemption from the vendor selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance PMC 4.09, pursuant to Section 4.09.060 (C), contractors for which City's best interests are served. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services.

BACKGROUND

For the past sixteen years Huntington Memorial Hospital has provided medical, psychosocial, nutritional, and health education assessments and interventions to clients of the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) provided by the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD). The CPSP serves low-income pregnant women, and is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services and by Medi-Cal fee-for-service reimbursements. Social worker services are a vital component of the CPSP and are required under the City's contract with the State.

In FY 2000, the social worker on site at the Pasadena Community Health Center provided 2,430 face-to-face counseling sessions, working with over 1,000 patients and their family members. The social worker also made referrals to 17 agencies, including but not limited to Foothill Family Service, the Black Infant Health Project, the Department of Children & Family Services and the Domestic Violence Hotline.


It is important to maintain this contractual agreement with the Huntington Memorial Hospital (HMH) in order to provide continuity of services to clients of the CPSP. HMH provides trained staff who are up-to-date with the requirements of the State Department of Health Services CPSP program. HMH has provided the same social worker for the past three years, and will continue to employ this individual during FY 2001, thereby providing consistent attention to the psychosocial needs of the prenatal program clients. In order to maintain a .50 FTE (1040 hours) and sustain the current level of service, the contract is being increased to cover cost of living increases. This contract for \$37,915 represents a 5% increase over the past year's amount of \$36,109.

The contractor fully complies with the competitive bidding, affirmative action in contracting and living wage ordinances PMC 4.08, 4.09 and 4.11, respectively. In addition, this contract for professional services is exempt from formal bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (f).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funds for this contract in the amount of \$37,915 are included in the Public Health Department's FY 2001 Maternal and Child Health Division adopted budget, account #564000.

Respectfully submitted,


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