

Agenda Report

DATE: February 2, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Public Health Department

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF INCREASE TO CONTRACT #21,719 WITH VIVIAN YEH, MD, INCREASING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$74,999 TO \$135,000 PER YEAR FOR SPECIALIZED INFECTIOUS DISEASE MEDICAL CARE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it will not have a potentially significant environmental effect and, therefore, falls under the "general rule" exemption;
2. Authorize an increase to the not to exceed amount of Contract #21,719 with Vivian Yeh, MD, from \$74,999 to \$135,000 per calendar year, to provide specialized HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) and other infectious disease medical treatment for the Andrew Escajeda Comprehensive Care Services program;
3. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to three additional one year-periods under the same terms and conditions; and
4. Grant the proposed contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

Since June of 1991, the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) has provided HIV/AIDS specialty medical outpatient services and has been an approved Health Care LA, an Independent Physician Association (IPA) managed care plan provider. PPHD

serves uninsured and underinsured patients with HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Known as the Andrew Escajeda Comprehensive Care Services (AECCS) program, the medical care and treatment, medical care coordination, benefits case management, medical transportation, home-based case management, mental health psychotherapy/psychiatry, and laboratory testing services are funded by the Ryan White Federal CARE Act grant through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP), Health Care LA IPA, Medicare, and Medi-Cal, which subcontract with PPHD to provide the services in Pasadena and the surrounding areas.

Dr. Vivian Yeh is a board-certified internist and infectious disease specialist, with special training and certification by the American Academy of HIV Medicine in providing medical care to HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C (Hep C) and other infectious disease clients in public health clinics. Dr. Yeh has been providing HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) medical treatment and care to clients of AECCS and has been under contract with the City of Pasadena since January 1, 2005.

Due to the recent changes in Healthcare Reform, PPHD has had the ability to expand as a medical home and incorporate infectious disease treatment and care to other populations, including homeless, mentally ill, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) men and women. With this expansion, there has also been an increased need for additional clinical hours to ensure contractual compliance.

In order to meet this additional demand for services, staff recommends expanding the use of Dr. Yeh's services. Dr. Yeh is exceptionally well-qualified, as indicated above, and has previously served as Interim Health Officer and currently serves in that capacity in the event of absence of Dr. Goh, the current Health Officer. It is in the best interests of the City to maintain continuity and high quality care for patients by extending the contract with Dr. Yeh.

Staff is recommending that the current contract with Dr. Yeh be increased from a current not to exceed amount of \$74,999 to \$135,000 per calendar year. Staff is also requesting that the City Council authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to three additional one-year periods under the same terms and conditions.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's strategic plan goal to improve and promote the quality of life and the local economy by ensuring that clinical and healthcare services to the community continue uninterrupted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

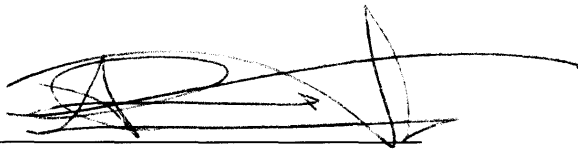
Sufficient funds are available in the Public Health Department's FY15 operating budget in accounts 8114-203-563265 and 8114-563270-56268. This action will increase Contract #20,971 by \$60,001, from \$74,999 to \$135,000. All costs for this contract are covered by grant funds and other fee-for-service structures. Estimated revenues and appropriations for this contract through June 30, 2015 are included in the Public Health Department's FY 2015 adopted budget in the HIV/AIDS Medical Outpatient account number 203-563265 and 203-563270-56268 (Family PACT).

Respectfully submitted,



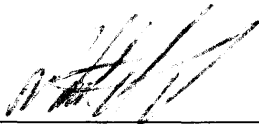
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