

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 6/18/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein / 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a renewal agreement with Thomas Ronay, MD, dba MedDimensions, Inc., for a five (5) year period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$351,000 to serve as Medical Director for the San Luis Obispo County Local Emergency Medical Services Agency.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign a renewal agreement with Thomas Ronay, MD, dba MedDimensions, Inc., for a five (5) year period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$351,000 to serve as Medical Director for the San Luis Obispo County Local Emergency Medical Services Agency.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) General Fund / Fees	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$70,200.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$70,200.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001281		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>September 14, 2010</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

DATE: June 18, 2013

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The State Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, section 1797 authorizes a county to develop an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program. In 1993, the County Board of Supervisors named the Public Health Department as the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA). Duties of the LEMSA are to monitor the performance of all County-designated ambulance providers, both land and air, to determine whether they are complying with all applicable statutes, regulations, ordinances and any LEMSA policies. The LEMSA must also perform duties identified in Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety code that pertain to oversight of the entire EMS system, inclusive of non-transporting and other pre-hospital EMS system personnel and services.

Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.202 requires that every LEMSA must designate a full- or part-time licensed physician, who has substantial experience in the practice of emergency medicine, to serve as medical director to provide medical control and to assure medical accountability throughout the planning, implementation and evaluation of the EMS system. The specific duties of the Medical Director include:

- Assists in developing standardized assessment, triage, treatment, and transfer protocols
- Assists in developing quality assurance procedures
- Approves field studies to evaluate alternative patient treatment protocols
- Provides ongoing direction in the development of Paramedic, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN), and Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) program course content, skills and written examinations, and pre-hospital practice standards
- Approves course instructors and all provisions for clinical and field training and evaluations
- Provides ongoing review of all pre-hospital care trainees and challengers for maintenance of program standards
- Evaluates paramedic field practice as required and institutes disciplinary action as appropriate
- Recommends those successfully completing all program requirements for certification, accreditation and authorization

Dr. Ronay has been the LEMSA Medical Director since 2000, and has allowed use of his Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license for Advanced Life Support (ALS-Paramedic) organizations to obtain needed controlled

substances. Dr. Ronay is an independent contractor who meets all the State of California requirements for physicians who serve as Medical Director of a LEMSA. His contract was last renewed in late 2010. At that time the department solicited interest in the position from throughout the state. Dr. Ronay was the only interested and qualified candidate. Staff recommends that the Board waive any applicable competitive selection requirements and approve the renewal agreement with Dr. Ronay.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the contract renewal as to form and legal effect. The Emergency Medical Care Committee, an advisory committee to the LEMSA and the Board of Supervisors has been notified of this request.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The agreement reimburses Dr. Ronay (dba MedDimensions) \$5,850 per month for a total of \$70,200 per year for the duration of the five year agreement. There is no rate increase included in this agreement. Should future economic market forces or other compensation considerations emerge over the period of this contract, the LEMSA will return to your Board for consideration of an amendment. The cost of Dr. Ronay’s service is included in the FY 2013-14 budget.

The following is a summary of the agreement amounts by fiscal year:

FY 2013-14	\$70,200
FY 2014-15	\$70,200
FY 2015-16	\$70,200
FY 2016-17	\$70,200
FY 2017-18	\$70,200
Total	\$351,000

RESULTS

The recommended agreement with Dr. Ronay meets the requirements of Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.202. This contract conforms to the mission of the Public Health Department, *“To promote, preserve and protect the health of all San Luis Obispo County residents through disease surveillance, health education, direct services, and health policy development,”* and likewise with the County vision of a safe and healthy community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Renewal Agreement with Thomas Ronay, MD, dba MedDimensions, Inc.