

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 7/26/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a five-year renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with Kathleen Long, M.D. to provide Medical Director services for the California Children Services (CCS) program for FY 2016-17 through FY 2020-21 in a total amount not to exceed \$80,000 per year. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve a five-year renewal agreement with Kathleen Long, M.D. to provide Medical Director services for the California Children Services (CCS) program.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal/State/General Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$80,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$80,000.00	(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) 19001685		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 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>8/6/2013</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff, Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a five-year renewal agreement with Kathleen Long, M.D. to provide Medical Director services for the California Children Services (CCS) program.

DISCUSSION

California Children's Services (CCS) is a state program established in 1927. Program staff review, authorize and purchase medical services, and provide medical case management to ensure eligible children receive appropriate diagnostic services, specialized medical care, and related services. Children under the age of 21 with certain diseases, physical limitations or chronic health problems and who meet specified financial guidelines and reside in the county are eligible for the program. Chronic medical conditions include cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, cerebral palsy, heart disease, cancer and traumatic injuries. Families with an adjusted gross income of less than \$40,000 per year qualify for CCS. The program also operates Medical Therapy Units staffed by CCS physical and occupational therapists in designated public schools in San Luis Obispo County.

The State requires each county to have a CCS Medical Director to provide medical oversight and medical case management to ensure medical necessity and appropriate utilization by local medical providers. This position is essential to link each child's primary care physician to the CCS approved panel of specialty care physicians within the statewide CCS network. The CCS Medical Director is also responsible for the medical oversight of physical and occupational therapy services. The CCS Medical Director attends, participates and represents the County at quarterly CCS Medical Director regional conferences and other physician state meetings.

Since 2002, Kathleen Long, MD, local pediatrician has fulfilled the duties of the CCS Medical Director/Medical Consultant for the County. Dr. Long has long-standing expertise in the field of pediatrics and is board certified. Dr. Long practiced pediatrics full-time in the San Luis Obispo community from 1980 to 2010. Upon her retirement from the clinical setting she continued to serve as the CCS Medical Director. CCS is a very complex, rule-driven program that takes years to come up to speed. Staff recommends that the Board waive any applicable competitive selection guidelines and approve the renewal agreement with Dr. Long in order to maximize program efficiency and effectiveness due to her institutional knowledge. In addition, two years ago, when Dr. Long was considering terminating her contract, the Public Health Department contacted a number of local pediatricians in an attempt to identify any potential replacement contractors, and found none were interested.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the renewal agreement as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The renewal agreement reimburses Dr. Long \$80/hr. up to \$80,000 annually for an overall total of \$400,000 for the five year term. The hourly rate included in the attached contract is \$80/hr. The hourly rate paid to Dr. Long in FY 2015-16 was \$80/hr.

The adopted FY 2016-17 budget includes expense and revenue in the amount of \$80,000 for Dr. Long's contract. Approval of the renewal agreement will have no impact to the level of General Fund support required by the Health Agency.

RESULTS

Approval of this agreement ensures compliance with all State/Federal laws. The CCS Medical Director services are required within County CCS programs in every county of the State. CCS medical consultation and CCS program direction are performed by the CCS Medical Director to provide linkage to services for children with serious medical conditions. Providing timely medical care diminishes and can resolve physical complications of medical illness or physical disabilities, which, in turn, can improve the management of medical expenses for each child. The CCS Medical Director determines CCS eligibility for children and serves as a medical liaison to qualified physician specialists who treat CCS eligible children.

All diagnostic, treatment and therapy services provided in CCS must be prescribed or ordered by a physician; the CCS Medical Director is required to review the physician's orders to determine if CCS standards and CCS program eligibility requirements have been met for each child's care. Dr. Long provides medical reviews for children who are potentially CCS eligible and orders the necessary evaluative studies/tests to determine program eligibility while consulting with the child's primary care physician and physician specialists. In FY 2009-10, the CCS caseload was 1,150 children. The caseload size has ranged from 1,026 to 1,320 over the past three years.

The CCS program is in alignment with the overall goal of a "Healthy Community." This ongoing agreement between the County and Dr. Long ensures CCS clients, staff and providers access to a qualified Medical Director dedicated to the health and well-being of CCS children.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's File Statement for Agreement with Kathleen Long, MD