



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with Community Hospital of Long Beach to provide emergency room services to Long Beach jail inmates for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 annually, with an option to renew the agreement at the discretion of the City Manager for two additional one-year periods at a cost of \$500,000 annually. (Citywide)

Since 1984, at the request of the Police Department, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been coordinating the jail medical services program. This involves administering operational agreements with local physicians and hospitals to ensure required medical services are provided to inmates of the Long Beach city jail. During the past 24 years, the DHHS has provided State-mandated jail health, sexual assault and in-custody medical services utilizing several service agreements. In April 2007, it was mutually agreed upon that the Police Department would be responsible to oversee agreements for emergency room services.

The current contract with Community Hospital expired on April 30, 2008. Given the quality, reliability and costs of the services provided, the Long Beach Police Department requests a new agreement to continue services with Community Hospital of Long Beach.

It is requested that the City Manager be authorized to execute an agreement not to exceed \$500,000. This amount reflects the current costs needed to provide these services. Approval is also requested for two one-year options to renew the agreement for an annual cost of \$500,000 at the discretion of the City Manager.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Gary Anderson on August 7, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 8, 2008.

The most recent contract between the City and Community Hospital expired on April 30, 2008. A Direct Purchase Order is in place to pay for estimated costs for May through September invoices for Emergency Medical services for inmates in the amount of \$78,000. Action is requested on September 2, 2008 to expedite this agreement and avoid interruption in payment to Community Hospital of Long Beach for emergency room services for Long Beach city jail inmates.

Funding for this service has been budgeted in the General Fund (GP) and in the Police Department (PO) to support this expense.

Approve recommendation.

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Chief of Police

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APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER