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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Letter

TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	HOWARD HIMES - Director Health & Human Services Operations
REPORT BY:	Shelli Brobst, Contracts Manager - 253-4720
SUBJECT:	Agreement with Community Health Clinic Ole (Operation Access)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Community Health Clinic Ole, Inc., for a maximum of $25,000, effective for one year after the date signed by both parties, to facilitate the Operation Access Initiative in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Health Clinic Ole, in partnership with Queen of the Valley Medical Center, St. Helena Hospital, Kaiser Napa, Napa County Health and Human Services Agency and other healthcare providers, is working to bring Operation Access (OA) to Napa County. OA is a non-profit entity responsible for coordinating outpatient surgical services for uninsured adults. Community Health Clinic Ole and other medical care providers in Napa County have long lists of underinsured and uninsured patients in need of simple surgical procedures, often for cancer screenings, who are unable to obtain these procedures because of the cost. Approval of the recommended action will enable the County to participate in the Operation Access (OA) initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Administration
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	This contract will provide for essential medical services to residents of Napa County.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement will remain in effect for one year after it has been signed by both parties.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, Napa County will be unable to bring essential medical services at no cost to certain residents of Napa County.
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Operation Access (OA) is a non-profit entity responsible for coordinating outpatient surgical services for uninsured adults. Community Health Clinic Ole (CHCO) and other medical care providers in Napa County have long lists of underinsured and uninsured patients in need of simple surgical procedures, often for cancer screenings, who are unable to obtain these procedures because of the cost. CHCO, in partnership with Queen of the Valley Medical Center, St. Helena Hospital, Kaiser Napa, HHSA and other healthcare providers, is working to bring Operation Access to Napa County to help address this urgent need.

OA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that coordinates the provision of low risk, elective ambulatory surgeries and specialty procedures at no cost to people without health insurance. Through this contract Napa County will partner with CHCO to bring OA to Napa County. OA will mobilize a network of local providers to increase access to specialty care for low-income uninsured Napa County residents. Currently, OA makes it possible for uninsured and underserved people to receive surgical and specialty care when they need it – free of charge – through a medical volunteer network in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo and Sonoma Counties.

Over the past 21 years 2,500 medical professionals have provided 12,000 services to 9,000 individuals, and the value of donated care exceeds $110 million. In 2013, over 1,479 volunteer physicians, nurses and technical staff affiliated with 40 hospitals, ambulatory care centers and 17 medical groups donated time, skills, equipment and supplies to 1,840 patients. This initiative will bring these essential services to Napa County.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins