



## Legislation Text

File #: 20-16, Version: 1

Approve a first amendment to the contract with Dr. John Jow for \$23,317 to increase contracted hours for dental care services in the current fiscal year through June 30, 2020, for a total contract amount of \$98,178; and Authorize the County Administrator to sign the amendment

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) recommends that the Board approve a first amendment to the contract with Dr. John Jow for \$23,317 to increase contracted hours for dental care services in the current fiscal year through June 30, 2020; and authorize the County Administrator to sign the amendment.

### **SUMMARY:**

Dr. John Jow is currently contracted with Solano County to provide the following services in accordance with all applicable federal, State and local regulations that pertain to dental outpatient health facilities:

1. Provide dental services in the County's clinics, as required by the County, for eligible clients including emergency dental care, restorative treatment and prosthodontic services; and
2. At the direction of the County, fill in for County-employed Clinic dentists during their vacations, military leave, and sick leave.

An unanticipated staffing shortage and increased demand for prosthodontic services have resulted in the need for the requested amendment to increase Dr. Jow's hours.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the total contract amount of \$98,178 is provided through Federally Qualified Health Center billing revenue. The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget. There is no additional financial impact to the County General Fund.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On July 1, 2019, a contract was established with Dr. John Jow. The agreement provides the H&SS with additional capacity to provide emergency dental care, restorative treatment and prosthodontic services for eligible patients seen in the County's Dental Clinics. Dr. Jow has been providing these services to the County since April 18, 2011.

This contract amendment is necessary because the original contract included up to 732 hours of services and it is anticipated that those hours will be fully expended by mid-April 2020. The recommended amendment would add up to an additional 228 hours to the contract for a total of 960 hours. The hours of services provided by Dr. Jow will be billed to the appropriate payors, increasing dental clinic revenues.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may choose not to approve the contract amendment with Dr. John Jow. This is not recommended because it would hinder the Department in meeting the needs of patients seeking dental care and negatively impact the oral health outcomes of a high-risk population.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the amendment for legal sufficiency. Human Resources has reviewed the amendment.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION