

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 25, 2013

**FROM: PATRICK PETRE, Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center**

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET INSTITUTE

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve the Public Hospital Service Partner **Agreement No. 13-421** with the California Health Care Safety Net Institute to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds in the amount of \$101,000 for participation in the Local Extension Center for the period of June 25, 2013 through January 31, 2014.

(Presenter: Patrick Petre, Director, 580-6150)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Health and Social Services Needs of County Residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact discretionary general funding (net county cost). Arrowhead Regional Medical Center will receive \$101,000 in federal funding. Sufficient appropriation and revenue have been included in Arrowhead Regional Medical Center's 2013-14 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of this item will allow Arrowhead Regional Medical Center to contract with the California Health Care Safety Net Institute for the receipt of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for the period of June 25, 2013 through January 31, 2014 and the participation in the Local Extension Center.

The Federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, promotes the adoption and meaningful use of health information technology. The United States Department of Health and Human Services created the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The ONC has been given authority to release federal funds to help support the HITECH Act.

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cc: ARMC- Petre w/Agree
Contractor c/o ARMC w/Agree
ACR- Acct. Pay. Mgr. w/Agree
EBIX-BPO c/o Risk Mgmt.
CAO-Allen
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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

**APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
Board of Supervisors**

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LAURA H. WELCH, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY _____

DATED: June 25, 2013

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In 2012, the California Health Information Partnership and Services Organization (CalHIPSO) submitted a proposal to the ONC for the California Regional Extension Center: A Health IT Regional Extension Center for Northern/Southern California grant. CalHIPSO received funds from the ONC for the State of California.

California Health Care Safety Net Institute was approved by CalHIPSO as the Local Extension Center (LEC) to be a sub-recipient of the funds and to provide services on behalf of CalHIPSO to Public Hospitals. ARMC is a public hospital and a member of the California Association of Public Hospitals and the California HealthCare Safety Net Institute and therefore qualified to receive funds.

On June 3, 2013, ARMC was notified by the California Health Care Safety Net Institute that ARMC was eligible for funds. However, the agreement had to be executed and returned by June 30, 2013. The LEC would require ARMC to meet three specific milestones in order to receive the funds. The milestones ARMC would be required to achieve are 1) submission of a fully executed agreement (milestone 1 amount \$33,000); 2) Install e-prescribing software (milestone 2 amount \$34,000); 3) achieve Stage 1 Criteria and be verified by the LEC (milestone 3 amount \$34,000). The maximum funding ARMC will receive is \$101,000 in ARRA funding.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Frank Salazar, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5442) on June 11, 2013; the County Administrative Office (Monique Allen, Administrative Analyst, 387-4020) on June 12, 2013.