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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO AGREEMENT NO.
H-210559 WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR
HYPERBARIC CHAMBER SERVICES ON SANTA CATALINA ISLAND
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. H-210559, substantially similar to Exhibit I, a sole source agreement, with the University of Southern California for the continued provision of hyperbaric chamber services on Santa Catalina Island, effective July 1, 2007, on a month-to-month basis not to exceed six months, at a monthly cost of \$9,018, and a six month maximum obligation of \$54,108 through December 31, 2007, to allow time for a replacement Agreement to be completed.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to offer and sign a new hyperbaric chamber replacement Agreement with the University of Southern California, effective on the date of approval by the parties through December 31, 2012, at the same monthly cost of \$9,018, for an estimated maximum obligation of \$541,080, subject to review and approval of County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

In approving the recommended actions, the Board is approving the extension of existing hyperbaric chamber services on Santa Catalina Island (Catalina) with the University of Southern California (USC) to continue needed services, and delegating authority to the Director to execute a replacement Agreement, at the same rates, to ensure the continued provision of necessary hyperbaric chamber services.

USC provides hyperbaric chamber services on Catalina on a 24-hour, 7-days a week basis to diving accident patients with pulmonary embolism or decompression sickness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The monthly cost is \$9,018 for a maximum obligation of \$54,108 for the six-month term through December 31, 2007. The monthly cost under the replacement Agreement will also be \$9,018 for a total maximum obligation over the five-year term of \$541,080. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposed Budget, and will be requested in future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Since 1974, the County has contracted with USC for hyperbaric chamber services. Funds were first provided through the Department of Beaches and Harbors. In 1977, the responsibility for formalizing service arrangements and contract funding was assigned by your Board to DHS.

On June 15, 1999, the Board approved a renewal Agreement with USC for continued services effective July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2002. On June 18, 2002, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 for continued services effective July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004. On June 29, 2004, the Board approved Amendment No. 2 effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 with two one-year automatic renewals thorough June 30, 2007.

This Amendment will continue the use of USC's hyperbaric chamber and USC hyperbaric technicians on Catalina and authorize:

- One physician trained in diving medicine from LAC+USC to be on-call 24-hours a day, and a second trained physician similarly available in the event the primary physician must be transported to the hyperbaric chamber on Catalina to provide direct patient care. The County is responsible for physician transport to and from Catalina.
- USC to continue providing education to the County of Los Angeles diving community, and allowing the County to use USC's helipad on Catalina for medical emergencies and with advance notice to USC, the routine usage of the helipad by the Sheriff's Department.

Attachment A provides additional information.

County Counsel has approved the Amendment, Exhibit I, as to form. The new replacement Agreement will include all the latest terms and conditions and be approved by County Counsel prior to obtaining signature by USC.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

USC has an excellent overall performance record with the County and operates one of three hyperbaric chambers in Los Angeles County - the only chamber serving the diving community as their primary responsibility. The other two - UCLA and Long Beach Memorial Medical Centers - serve patients with ulcerative wounds that can benefit from hyperbaric treatment.

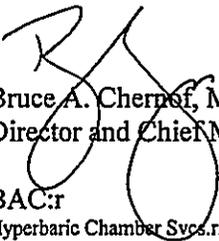
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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended actions will ensure that hyperbaric services on Catalina will not be interrupted and enable USC to continue treating patients and provide such services for the public safety.

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors is requested to return three adopted copies of this letter to DHS.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director and Chief Medical Officer
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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

1. **TYPE OF SERVICE:**

Hyperbaric chamber services on Catalina Island.

2. **CONTRACTOR ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:**

University of Southern California
George-Ann Cleary, Office of Compliance
University Campus
Los Angeles, CA 90089-1147
Telephone: (213) 740-6062
E-Mail: gacleary@ooc.usc.edu

3. **TERM OF AGREEMENT:**

Amendment No. 3 is effective July 1, 2007 on a month-to-month basis not to exceed six months to execute a new replacement Agreement through December 31, 2012.

4. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The monthly cost is \$9,018 for a maximum obligation of \$54,108 for the six-month term through December 31, 2007. The monthly cost under the replacement Agreement will also be \$9,018 for a total maximum obligation over the five-year term of \$541,080. Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposed Budget, and will be requested in future fiscal years.

5. **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS TO BE SERVED:**

All Districts

6. **ACCOUNTABILITY OF MONITORING:**

Pete Delgado, Chief Executive Officer, LAC+USC Medical Center

7. **APPROVALS:**

LAC+USC Medical Center: Pete Delgado, Chief Executive Officer

Chief Deputy Director: John R. Cochran III

Contract and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel (as to form): Richard Mason