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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Riverside County Regional Medical Center(RCRMC)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
9/15/08

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY
HEALTHSYSTEM CONSORTIUM (UHC)**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Pursuant to applicable California Code, approve the agreement between University HealthSystem Consortium, and RCRMC, without securing competitive bids, in accordance with Ordinance 459.4;
- 2) Authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement;
- 3) Direct the Clerk of the Board to retain one original and return two (2) original copies of the amendment to RCRMC - Contract Administration for further distribution and processing.

BACKGROUND: RCRMC requires a contractor to provide data reporting in accordance with the standards of Joint Commission, to demonstrate analysis of performance for quality improvement. The Joint Commission uses data to assess key performance areas such as the core measures. Core measures data reported by RCRMC provides the Joint Commission surveyors with specific information about the hospital's performance in patient care, treatment and service areas and the ability to effect change in clinical processes.

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Douglas D. Bagley

Douglas D. Bagley, Hospital Director

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. Total Cost: | \$ 91,749.99 | In Current Year Budget: | Yes |
| | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$ 0 | Budget Adjustment: | No |
| | Annual Net County Cost: | \$ 0 | For Fiscal Year: | 08/09 |

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS: Hospital Enterprise Fund | Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Requires 4/5 Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Debra Courmoyer*
Debra Courmoyer

County Executive Office Signature

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:
**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

District:

Agenda Number:

3.67

Purchasing: *Mark Seller*
 Mark Seller, Assistant Director
 Departmental Concurrence

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BACKGROUND (Cont.):

The agreement with UHC provides reliable and relevant information to assist RCRMC in accelerating performance and helps to achieve the hospital's goals in providing quality patient care.

In addition to providing the submissions of information to Joint Commission and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in compliance with the Core Measures and Quality Alliance Initiatives the hospital will receive continuous quality monitoring data to compare internal performance.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Clinical Data Base provided by the UHC agreement will provide access to comparative data on patient care and outcomes with 102 academic medical centers from a potential pool of 116 academic medical centers nationwide. No other vendor has as many academic medical centers or major teaching hospitals in its portfolio. The National Association of Public Hospitals (NAPH) is a strategic partner with UHC and over 50 of the member hospitals are NAPH and UHC members. Because most of these academic centers and other teaching hospitals subscribe to the UHC Clinical Data Products, it affords RCRMC the most relevant and appropriate pool of benchmark hospitals. In addition, to meeting the hospital requirements for national core measure reporting to Joint Commission and CMS, having the ability to utilize benchmarks will provide the hospital with the tools necessary to measure the care delivered and set goals and standards to improve patient safety and quality of care.

PRICE REASONABLENESS:

UHC is a member driven alliance consisting of 90 % of the nonprofit academic medical centers in the U.S. and the prices offered to its members for the various services and products are all the same. Market research found no other vendor providing both the Core Measure reporting and the benchmarking capabilities of UHC and contracting with two separate vendors for these services would be more costly.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

UHC Agreement is based on Calendar year participation as follows;

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| October 2008 through December 2008 participation..... | \$25,749.99 |
| January through June 2009 participation..... | \$56,000.00 |
| One time installation..... | \$10,000.00 |
| Total Fiscal year ending 2009..... | \$91,749.99 |
| January through December 2009..... | \$56,000.00 |
| Fiscal year ending 2010..... | \$56,000.00 |

REVIEW/APPROVAL:

Purchasing and County Counsel have reviewed and concur with this request.