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**RE: Assistance with Physician Contract**

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**From** : Eduardo Olivarez <eddie.olivarez@hchd.org>

Tue, Mar 22, 2016 09:19 AM

**Subject** : RE: Assistance with Physician Contract

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**To** : 'Martha Salazar' <martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, 'Victor Garza' <victor.garza@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us>**Cc** : 'Yolanda Velasquez' <yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, 'Josephine Ramirez' <josephine.ramirez@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Valde Guerra <valde.guerra@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, connie sanchez <connie.sanchez@mail.hchd.org>, Mike Escaname <mike.escaname@hchd.org>

Mrs. Salazar,

Our Pulmonary Team has exhausted all possible methods to deal with the case load of TB clients, after the State Physician retired abruptly. Dr. Melendez had been covering the caseload while the State Department of Health is searching to hire a replacement physician. However, Dr. Melendez had to address and unplanned medical procedure requiring an extended recovery, which will have him out for the next 3 to 4 weeks. I feel that there is an urgent need to establish a contract with a physician who can assist in addressing the Physician requirements with these cases.

I am recommending 3 to 4 months of coverage, which will afford us the time to work with the State and work on alternate plans for physician coverage which is provided by the State. Our Pulmonary Team Coordinator, Clinical Services Director and I have recommended Dr. Eduardo Candanosa for possible coverage. I have reviewed this possible action with Dr. Melendez and he felt that we must take into account the patient needs and medical requirements. He supported the development of a temporary solution. I feel that we can use funds from our 1115 program to help finance this venture. I am open to any recommendations on how best resolve this urgent situation.

Respectfully,  
Eddie Olivarez

-----Original Message-----

From: Martha Salazar [mailto:martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 1:53 PM  
To: Victor Garza; Eddie Olivarez  
Cc: Yolanda Velasquez; Josephine Ramirez  
Subject: Re: Assistance with Physician Contract

Counselor:

Have you heard anything further from Mr. Olivarez regarding the engaging of this physician for a short term engagement?

Thanks,  
Marty S.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Yolanda Velasquez" <yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
To: "Martha Salazar" <martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 10:44:12 AM  
Subject: Assistance with Physician Contract

Good morning Mrs. Marty,

I was wondering if you have heard anything on this.. Will it be exempted? I never received additional information other than what was initially provided. I did talk to Gloria (Nurse) she said that the Dr. Richard J. Wing was a "Family Practice MD and Tuberculosis

Specialist. I had attached a "Draft" I had worked on for a short term not to exceed \$50,000.00 Service Contract.

Please advise..

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 9:48:45 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Assistance with Physician Contract

Good Morning, Yoli

As per Ms. Marty directive she asked to please work on this project, (see emails below for more information) this contract is for a 6 months not to exceed 50,000. Am trying to find a commodity code I'll let you know

Respectfully,

Elena Gomez, Procurement Process Coordinator

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Cc: "Eduardo Olivarez" <eddie.olivarez@hchd.org>, "Elena Gomez" <elena.gomez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 2:23:53 PM  
Subject: Re: Assistance with Physician Contract

Thanks, Counselor.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Victor M. Garza" <victor.garza@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
To: "Martha Salazar" <martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
Cc: "Eduardo Olivarez" <eddie.olivarez@hchd.org>  
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 2:19:59 PM  
Subject: RE: Assistance with Physician Contract

Fyi...spoke with Mr. Olivarez. He will move to get information from physicians that may be considered for an exemption.

Thank you.

Victor M. Garza

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From: Martha Salazar [mailto:martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us]  
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 1:58 PM  
To: Eduardo Olivarez  
Cc: Josephine Ramirez; victor garza; Valde Guerra  
Subject: Re: Assistance with Physician Contract

Mr. Olivarez:

Did you have the opportunity to discuss this project with Hon. Victor Garza, Asst. DA? We conferenced this morning and he mentioned he would be contacting you to discuss. Reason I ask is that will determine what our plan of action as to securing this contract. Let me

know. In the meantime, I will commence the assigning of the project to a Buyer.

Yours truly,

Marty S.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Eduardo Olivarez" < eddie.olivarez@hchd.org >  
To: "Martha Salazar" < martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us >, "Josephine Ramirez" < josephine.ramirez@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us >, "victor garza" < victor.garza@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us >  
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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 11:42:58 AM  
Subject: RE: Assistance with Physician Contract

Mrs. Salazar

Thank you for your support - Additionally I am attaching a brief summary of services needed for a TB contract Dr. In the event that you need specific clinical information please contact Gloria Salinas, RN TB Program Manager at extension 7285.

Thanks

Eddie Olivarez

From: Martha Salazar [mailto:martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us ]  
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 1:47 PM  
To: Josephine Ramirez; victor garza  
Cc: Valde Guerra; eddie olivarez  
Subject: Fwd: Assistance with Physician Contract

Counselors:

Please review the situation that Mr. Eddie Olivarez details below. It appears that there is an urgent and necessary need to contract [as he states] a physician [either a Pulmonary Specialist or a Physician that has a strong background in treating tuberculosis]. Short of an RFP w/Q can an exemption be contemplated? Mr. Olivarez does advise that there appears to be interest by a couple of physicians. Would their credentials and curriculum suffice [with Mr. Olivarez' evaluation of information]? Let me know what you think.

Thanks,  
Marty S.

From: "Eduardo Olivarez" < eddie.olivarez@hchd.org >  
To: "Martha Salazar" < martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us >, "Valde Guerra" < valde.guerra@co.hidalgo.tx.us >  
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Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 1:27:48 PM  
Subject: Assistance with Physician Contract

I would like to seek your input on the procedure needed to contract a physician who specializes in pulmonary medicine, or has a strong background in treating tuberculosis. The Texas Department of Health & Human Services Physician, retired without notice, hence putting our tuberculosis treatment clinic in a difficult position.

Dr. Melendez has been assisting with those duties; however, they are not factored into his current contract. Additionally, there is a great need to have a consistent schedule to be established for the patients and staff. Therefore I am seeking to explore a method to contract a physician for a six month period, in which time the State can come up with a possible physician alternative. I have reviewed this with Mr. Guerra and he feels that a temporary solution may be possible. I am considering using the 1115 Program account to pay for these temporary services. I would like to take action on this as soon as possible, or at least we can present it at Commissioners Court to obtain permission to move forward on this action. I am having my team come up with "Specifications" of duties and or an overall description of duties. I will forward those to you ASAP.

Thank you for your support.

Eddie Olivarez

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