

To: SPH Service Area Board
From: Bob Letson, CEO
CC:
Date: March 6, 2012
Re: Pyxis Lease Approval Request

Attached is a pro forma for a lease upgrade to our current Pyxis Pharmacy System.

Pyxis is a medication dispensing machine used in hospitals. The pharmacy fills and maintains the medications in the machine and when a nurse or other qualified member needs a certain medication, they can log into the computer connected with the block of small drawers and get the med they need. When the nurse needs, say Lidocaine, they log in and the computer causes the drawer that has Lidocaine in it to open, she takes what she needs and closes the drawer. Usually once a day the pharmacy will check the computer against what is actually in the drawer and refill as needed.

Currently, our Pyxis serves the Emergency Room, Acute Care and Pharmacy. This proposal would expand the system to incorporate Surgery, Anesthesia, OB and Long Term Care and upgrade the current areas.

The number one reason to obtain Pyxis equipment is for patient safety as Pyxis will separate look-alike and sound-alike drugs. Secondly, Pyxis produces inventory savings since it monitors inventory much more closely than a manual system. Lastly, it stops lost charges thereby creating additional revenue.

The lease payment of \$4,380 per month requires Service Area Board and Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly approval. Further justification and a lease versus purchase comparison are attached.

Due to a clerical error, this resolution was not approved by the Operating Board of Directors at their last meeting, but the concept was approved by the Finance Committee and we anticipate its approval at the March 28 BOD meeting.

Recommended Motion: Pass and adopt Resolution 12-04, approving lease agreement for Pyxis System.