



# Monterey County

**Item No.**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Legistar File Number: A 22-133**

**April 26, 2022**

**Introduced:** 3/28/2022

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 2

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

Authorize the County Counsel to execute amendment No. 4 to the agreement (A-13923) with Best Best & Krieger, LLP for specialized attorney services, extending the term an additional two (2) year period through April 30, 2024 for a total revised term of May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2024, with no change to the total agreement amount of \$465,000.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

Best Best & Krieger, LLP, provides advice in consultation with the Office of the County Counsel on a variety of healthcare-related issues to Natividad Medical Center. The firm performs specialized legal attorney services related to healthcare law, including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Stark and Anti-Kickback laws and laws pertaining the formation and development of Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) and Trademark laws. They provide guidance on Business Associate Agreements, contracts, the developments of a Local IRB at NMC, and a variety of issues related to confidentiality of medical information. They also continue to advise on implementation of population health initiatives and healthcare issues related to claims against NMC.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Counsel reviewed and approved this amendment No.4 as to legal form, and the Auditor-Controller reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The amendment No. 4 was reviewed and approved by NMC's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees on April 8, 2022.

### **FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this amendment No. 4.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

This agreement is for legal consulting services regarding healthcare related matters on an as needed basis, the outcome of which will contribute to assisting NMC run efficient business operations.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health and Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Approved by: Charles R. Harris, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, 783-2504

Attachments:

- Best Best & Krieger Amendment No. 4
- Best Best & Krieger Amendment No. 3
- Best Best & Krieger Amendment No. 2
- Best Best & Krieger Amendment No. 1
- Best Best & Krieger Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board

*Dr. Charles R. Harris*  
Charles R. Harris, M.D., Chief Executive Officer

*4/6/2022*  
Date