



Board Report

File #: A 22-590, **Version:** 1

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad operates medical surgical units and an acute rehabilitation unit that provide direct patient care to hospitalized patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In order to ensure sufficient staffing of these critical units, it is necessary to develop and sustain a core team of quality internal medicine and family medicine physicians, known as hospitalists, made up of employed and independent contract physicians who are immediately available to provide patient care.

Natividad would like to amend its agreement with Dr. Hamlin to provide hospitalist services to increase the aggregate amount payable in consideration of the increased amount of services provided due to patient volumes and the need for coverage. Natividad has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value supporting the payment terms.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to fiscal provisions. The Amendment has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

FINANCING:

The cost of this Amendment is \$400,000. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$500,000 for the period August 30, 2022 to September 30, 2024. The actual cost is contingent upon the need for coverage and Dr. Hamlin's availability to provide services. \$350,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 adopted budget. The remaining balance will be budgeted in the subsequent fiscal year. There is no impact to the

General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The services rendered in this agreement provide Natividad with the additional support it needs in order to provide reliable and high-quality patient care which improves the health and quality of life for patients and their families.

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

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Attachments:

First Amendment

Agreement

Attachments on File at the Clerk of the Board