

Natividad MEDICAL CENTER

COUNTY OF MONTEREY AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

(NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000)

This Professional Services Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made by and between Natividad Medical Center ("NMC"), a general acute care teaching hospital wholly owned and operated by the County of Monterey, which is a political subdivision of the State of California and Cynthia Harlowe

hereinafter "CONTRACTOR").

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. NMC hereby engages CONTRACTOR to perform, and CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform, the services described in Exhibit A in conformity with the terms of the Agreement. The services are generally described as follows: Professional Consulting

Services

1. **PAYMENTS BY NMC.** NMC shall pay the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in Exhibit A, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement. The total amount payable by NMC to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed the sum of \$25,000

2. **TERM OF AGREEMENT.** The term of this Agreement is from Jul 1, 2009 to Jun 30, 2010 unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both CONTRACTOR and NMC and with NMC signing last and CONTRACTOR may not commence work before NMC signs this Agreement.

3. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS/EXHIBITS.** The following attached exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and constitute a part of this Agreement:

Exhibit A/Schedule A: Scope of Services/Payment Provisions

4. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.**

4.1. CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR and Contractor's agents, employees, and subcontractors performing services under this Agreement are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required under this Agreement and are not employees of NMC, or immediate family of an employee of NMC.

4.2. CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, and subcontractors shall perform all work in a safe and skillful manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this Agreement that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements.

4.3. CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials, equipment, and personnel necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not use NMC premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

5. PAYMENT CONDITIONS.

5.1. CONTRACTOR shall submit to the Contract Administrator an invoice on a form acceptable to NMC. If not otherwise specified, the CONTRACTOR may submit such invoice periodically or at the completion of services, but in any event, not later than 30 days after completion of services. The invoice shall set forth the amounts claimed by CONTRACTOR for the previous period, together with an itemized basis for Administrator or his or her designee shall certify the invoice, either in the requested amount or in such other amount as NMC approves in conformity with this Agreement, and shall promptly submit such invoice to the County Auditor-Controller for payment. The County Auditor-Controller shall pay the amount certified within 30 days of receiving the certified invoice.

5.2. CONTRACTOR shall not receive reimbursement for travel expenses unless set forth in this Agreement.

6. TERMINATION.

6.1. During the term of this Agreement, NMC may terminate the Agreement for any reason by giving written notice of termination to the CONTRACTOR at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. Such notice shall set forth the effective date of termination. In the event of such termination, the amount payable under this Agreement shall be reduced in proportion to the services provided prior to the date of termination.

6.2. NMC may cancel and terminate this Agreement for good cause effective immediately upon written notice to Contractor. "Good cause" includes the failure of CONTRACTOR to perform the required services at the time and in the manner provided under this Agreement. If NMC terminates this Agreement for good cause, NMC may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to Contractor, and NMC may proceed with the work in any manner, which NMC deems proper. The cost to NMC shall be deducted from any sum due the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

7. INDEMNIFICATION: CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless NMC and the County of Monterey (hereinafter "County"), its officers, agents and employees from any claim, liability, loss, injury or damage arising out of, or in connection with, performance of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR and/or its agent, employees or sub-contractors, excepting only loss, injury or damage caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of personnel employed by NMC. It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement to provide the broadest possible coverage for NMC. The CONTRACTOR shall reimburse NMC for all costs, attorneys' fees, expenses and liabilities incurred with respect to any litigation in which the CONTRACTOR is obligated to indemnify, defend and hold harmless NMC and the County under this Agreement.

8. INSURANCE.

8.1. Evidence of Coverage:

Prior to commencement of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall provide a "Certificate of Insurance" certifying that coverage as required herein has been obtained. Individual endorsements

executed by the insurance carrier shall accompany the certificate. In addition, the CONTRACTOR upon request shall provide a certified copy of the policy or policies.

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This verification of coverage shall be sent to NMC's Contracts/Purchasing Department, unless otherwise directed. The CONTRACTOR shall not receive a "Notice to Proceed" with the work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required and NMC has approved such insurance. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of the Contractor.

8.2. Qualifying Insurers: All coverage's except surety, shall be issued by companies which hold a current policy holder's alphabetic and financial size category rating of not less than A-VII, according to the current Best's Key Rating Guide or a company of equal financial stability that is approved by NMC's Contracts/Purchasing Director.

8.3. Insurance Coverage Requirements: Without limiting Contractor's duty to indemnify, CONTRACTOR shall maintain in effect throughout the term of this Agreement a policy or policies of insurance with the following minimum limits of liability:

Commercial general liability insurance, including but not limited to premises and operations, including coverage for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Personal Injury, Contractual Liability, Broad form Property Damage, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

☐ Exemption/Modification (Justification attached; subject to approval).

Business automobile liability insurance, covering all motor vehicles, including owned, leased, non-owned, and hired vehicles, used in providing services under this Agreement, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence.

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Workers' Compensation Insurance, If CONTRACTOR employs other in the performance of this Agreement, in accordance with California Labor Code section 3700 and with Employer's Liability limits not less than \$1,000,000 each person, \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each disease.

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Professional liability insurance, if required for the professional services being provided, (e.g., those persons authorized by a license to engage in a business or profession regulated by the California Business and Professions Code), in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, to cover liability for malpractice or errors or omissions made in the course of rendering professional services. If professional liability insurance is written on a "claims-made" basis rather than an occurrence basis, the CONTRACTOR shall, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, obtain extended reporting coverage ("tail coverage") with the same liability limits. Any such tail coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

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8.4. Other Insurance Requirements:

All insurance required by this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to NMC and issued and executed by an admitted insurer authorized to transact insurance business in the State of California. Unless otherwise specified by this Agreement, all such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of three years following the date CONTRACTOR completes its performance of services under this Agreement.

Each liability policy shall provide that NMC shall be given notice in writing at least thirty days in advance of any endorsed reduction in coverage or limit, cancellation, or intended non-renewal thereof. Each policy shall provide coverage for CONTRACTOR and additional insured with respect to claims arising from each subcontractor, if any, performing work under this Agreement, or be accompanied by a certificate of insurance from each subcontractor showing each subcontractor has identical insurance coverage to the above requirements.

Commercial general liability and automobile liability policies shall provide an endorsement naming the County of Monterey, its officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insureds with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's work, including ongoing and completed operations, and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County and that the insurance of the Additional Insureds shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the Contractor's insurance. The required endorsement from for Commercial General Liability Additional Insured is ISO Form CG 20 10 11-85 or CG 20 10 10 01 in tandem with CG 20 37 10 01 (2000). The required endorsement from for Automobile Additional Insured Endorsement is ISO Form CA 20 48 02 99.

Prior to the execution of this Agreement by NMC, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance with NMC's Contracts/Purchasing Department, showing that the CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate of insurance within five calendar days after any change is made in any insurance policy, which would alter the information on the certificate then on file. Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no way modify or change the indemnification clause in this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect.

CONTRACTOR shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this Agreement and shall send, without demand by NMC, annual certificates to NMC's Contracts/Purchasing Department. If the certificate is not received by the expiration date, NMC shall notify CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR shall have five calendar days to send in the certificate, evidencing no lapse in coverage during the interim. Failure by CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance is a default of this Agreement, which entitles NMC, at its sole discretion, to terminate the Agreement immediately.

9. RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

- 9.1. Confidentiality. CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws, which provide for the confidentiality of records and other information. CONTRACTOR shall not disclose any confidential records or other confidential information received from NMC or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement, unless NMC specifically permits CONTRACTOR to disclose such records or information. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to NMC any and all requests for disclosure of any such

confidential records or information. CONTRACTOR shall not use any confidential information gained by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement except for the sole purpose of carrying out Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

- 9.2. NMC Records . When this Agreement expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall return to NMC and NMC records which CONTRACTOR used or received from NMC to perform services under this Agreement.
- 9.3. Maintenance of Records . CONTRACTOR shall prepare, maintain, and preserve all reports and records that may be required by federal state, and County rules and regulations related to services performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such records for a period of at least three years after receipt of final payment under this Agreement. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit exception, or other action relating to this Agreement is pending at the end of the three year period, then CONTRACTOR shall retain said records until such action is resolved.
- 9.4. Access to and Audit of Records . NMC shall have the right to examine, monitor and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities of the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors related to services provided under this Agreement. Pursuant to Government Code section 3546.7, if this Agreement involves the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$10,000, the parties to this Agreement may be subject, at the request of NMC or as part of any audit of NMC, to the examination and audit of the State Auditor pertaining to matters connected with the performance of this Agreement for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement.
- 9.5. Royalties and Inventions . NMC shall have a royalty-free, exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use, and authorize other to do so, all original computer programs, writings, sound recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, and other works of similar nature produced in the course of or under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not publish any such material without the prior written approval of NMC.
10. NON-DISCRIMINATION. During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, religious creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), or sexual orientation, either in Contractor's employment practices or in the furnishing of services to recipients. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment and all persons receiving and requesting services are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor shall, in the performance of this Agreement, full comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The provision of services primarily or exclusively to such target population as may be designated in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be prohibited discrimination.
11. COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF STATE OR FEDERAL GRANT. If this Agreement has been or will be funded with monies received by NMC pursuant to a contract with the state or federal government in which NMC is the grantee, CONTRACTOR will comply with all the provisions of said contract, and said provisions shall be deemed a part of this Agreement, as though fully set forth herein. Upon request, NMC will deliver a copy of said contract to Contractor, at no cost to Contractor.
12. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. In the performance of work, duties, and obligations under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is at all times acting and performing as an independent CONTRACTOR and not as an employee of NMC. No offer or obligation of permanent employment with NMC or particular County department or agency is intended in any manner, and CONTRACTOR shall not become entitled

by virtue of this Agreement to receive from NMC any form of employee benefits including but not limited to sick leave, vacation, retirement benefits, workers' compensation coverage, insurance or disability benefits. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable for an obligated to pay directly all applicable taxes, including federal and state income taxes and social security, arising out of Contractor's performance of this Agreement. In connection therewith, CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold NMC and the County of Monterey harmless from any and all liability, which NMC may incur because of Contractor's failure to pay such taxes.

13. **NOTICES.** Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by first-class, postage per-paid mail to NMC and Contractor's contract administrators at the addresses listed below.

FOR NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER:
Contracts/Purchasing Manager

FOR CONTRACTOR:

Cynthia E. Harlowe, MSN, CPHQ

Name

Name and Title

1441 Constitution Blvd. Salinas, CA. 93906

1721 NW Cliffside Way
Redmond, OR 97756

Address

Address

831.755.4111

541.390.3991

Phone

Phone

14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- 14.1. Conflict of Interest. CONTRACTOR represents that it presently has no interest and agrees not to acquire any interest during the term of this Agreement, which would directly, or indirectly conflict in any manner or to any degree with the full and complete performance of the professional services required to be rendered under this Agreement.
- 14.2. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by an instrument in writing signed by NMC and the Contractor.
- 14.3. Waiver. Any waiver of any terms and conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by NMC and the Contractor. A waiver of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any other terms or conditions in this Agreement.
- 14.4. Contractor. The term "Contractor" as used in this Agreement includes Contractor's officers, agents, and employees acting on Contractor's behalf in the performance of this Agreement.
- 14.5. Disputes. CONTRACTOR shall continue to perform under this Agreement during any dispute.
- 14.6. Assignment and Subcontracting. The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its interest or obligations in this Agreement without the prior written consent of NMC. None of the services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of

NMC. Notwithstanding any such subcontract, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be liable for the performance of all requirements of this Agreement.

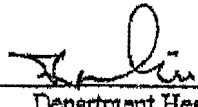
- 14.7. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement and the rights, privileges, duties, and obligations of NMC and CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, to the extent assignable or delegable, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns, and heirs.
- 14.8. Compliance with Applicable Law. The parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in performing this Agreement.
- 14.9. Headings. The headings are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
- 14.10. Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence in each and all of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 14.11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California.
- 14.12. Non-exclusive Agreement. This Agreement is non-exclusive and both NMC and CONTRACTOR expressly reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.
- 14.13. Construction of Agreement. NMC and CONTRACTOR agree that each party has fully participated in the review and revision of this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement.
- 14.14. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 14.15. Integration. This Agreement, including the exhibits, represents the entire Agreement between NMC and the CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and shall supersede all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral, between NMC and CONTRACTOR as of the effective date of this Agreement, which is the date that NMC signs the Agreement.
- 14.16. Interpretation of Conflicting Provisions. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the Provisions of any exhibit or other attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail and control.

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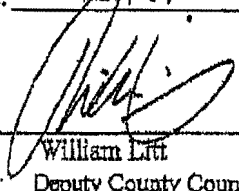
NMC Contracts/Purchasing Agent

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By: 

Department Head (if applicable)

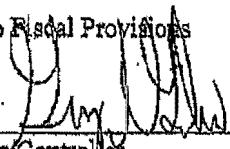
Date: 5/29/08

By: 

William Liff
Deputy County Counsel

Date: 6/9/09

Approved as to Fiscal Provisions

By: 

Auditor/Controller

Date: 6-16-09

CONTRACTOR

Cynthia E. Harlowe, MSN, CPHQ

Contractor's Business Name***

Cynthia E. Harlowe, MSN, CPHQ

Signature of Chair, President, or Vice-President

Cynthia E. Harlowe, MSN, CPHQ

Name and Title

Date: May 20, 2009

By: _____

(Signature of Secretary, Asst. Secretary, CFO, Treasurer
or Asst. Treasurer)

Name and Title

Date: _____

***INSTRUCTIONS: If CONTRACTOR is a corporation, including limited liability and non-profit corporations, the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two specified officers. If CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth above together with the signatures of a partner who has authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If CONTRACTOR is contracting in and individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of the business, if any and shall personally sign the Agreement.

NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER

Ferguson, Harlowe, & Associates
EXHIBIT A

Contractor will perform professional consulting services July 2009 through December 2009 as outlined below:

- A. Provide on-site services, the equivalent of 20 days.
- B. Assist Natividad Medical Center in further implementation of the Joint Commission's Medical Staff Standards related to the Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE) and the Focused Professional Practice Evaluation (FPPE); review and revise the organization's Peer Review Policy, assist in the development of bi-annual reports for the OPPE for each physician service and assist in the development of criteria, content, and format of an FPPE.
- C. Assist Natividad Medical Center in completing and scoring the 2009 Joint Commission's Periodic Performance Review (PPR) self-assessment, provide input on establishing action plans and Measure of Success (MOS).
- D. Address each functional area within the 2009 Joint Commission Manual to include the Patient Safety Goals as applicable to each care setting, new Medication Use Standards, review of Environment of Care standards updates and interpretations, Medical Staff Standards and Natividad Medical Center's Priority Focus Areas as defined by the Joint Commission.
- E. Conduct appropriate interviews with leader or representative for each of the functional areas, in accordance with the CAMH manual, who can discuss the activity and responsibilities of the functional area and has responsibility to implement an action plan for compliance.
- F. Conduct interview(s) with representative who can describe the medical staff peer review process and the medical staff's involvement in performance improvement.
- G. Utilize appropriate staff interviews, document review, tracers, observation of practices, review of systems and processes, and medical record review to complete the PPR process.

County will pay contractor fees as follows:

1. Two-thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per day for on-site consulting services. On-site consulting fees are based on a maximum nine-hour work day. On-site services in excess of nine hours per day will be billed at the consultant's hourly rate.
2. Off-site consulting services, including review and preparation of documents and reports, will be billed at two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per hour plus expenses. Expenses include transcription, supplies, and other expenses directly related to the project.
3. Physician oversight time will be billed at three hundred dollars (\$350.00) per hour. Physician oversight to include review and preparation of documents and reports.