

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING:	June 14, 2011	AGENDA NO.:	25
SUBJECT:	Authorize the Purchasing Manager for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) to execute Amendment #3 to the Agreement (SC1028) with CME Consultants for Medical Education Accredited Program for Physicians Services at NMC in an amount not to exceed \$155,000 in the aggregate and \$30,000 for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.		
DEPARTMENT:	Natividad Medical Center		

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The purpose of an accredited Continuing Medical Education (CME) program for the Medical Staff at Natividad Medical Center (NMC) is to support, foster, and direct comprehensive, cost-effective high quality patient care. The CME program is designed so that it disseminates current, relevant practical, evidence-based medical and scientific information to the Medical Staff so that knowledge, competence and/or performance gaps will be eliminated. The program consists of varied educational activities throughout the year, utilizing clinical experts providing lectures, case presentations or panels. The CME program is foundational in helping eliminate health disparities in the unique patient population served by NMC. NMC's CME program is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ), a subsidiary of the California Medical Association (CMA).

CME Consultants has provided consultation services to NMC since July 2008 in order to maintain an accredited CME program. The IMQ accreditation standards for a CME program have increased in number and complexity since 2007 and NMC lacks internal resources and expertise to maintain the CME program. NMC had a very successful accreditation survey in 2010 due to the support and coordination provided by CME Consultants. CME Consultants' services include: education of the NMC CME Committee regarding accreditation essentials, coordination of each CME Committee meeting (develop the agenda, take minutes, perform meeting follow-up) via telephone conference, maintain documentation of activity planning, assist in raising grant money, assist NMC in obtaining the services of speakers, and maintain all records relating to CME accreditation.

It is recommended that the agreement with CME Consultants be renewed and the dollar amount for the agreement be increased for FY 2012 by \$5,000 to \$30,000 to meet the ongoing CME needs of NMC.


OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Amendment has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, the Auditor/Controller's office and the Natividad Medical Center Board of Trustees.

FINANCING:

The cost for this Amendment is \$30,000 and is included in the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Recommended Budget. This action will not require any additional General Fund subsidy.

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April 27, 2011



Harry Weis
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Amendments #1, 2, 3, Original Agreement, Board Order
Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board