



# Monterey County

Item No.

## Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: A 21-572

December 07, 2021

**Introduced:** 11/16/2021

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

- a. Authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer for Natividad or his designee to execute the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Mario Cole, M.D. to provide pulmonary critical care services, extending the term by twenty-four months (January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023) for a revised full agreement term of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023, and adding \$100,000 for a revised total not to exceed amount of \$200,000 in the aggregate; and
- b. Authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer or his designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$10,000) of the original contract amount and do not significantly change the scope of work.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad operates a ten (10) bed intensive care unit (ICU) for the care and treatment of hospitalized patients facing life-threatening illness or injury. In order to ensure 24 hour a day coverage of the ICU, it requires a team of critical care employee or independent contractor physicians, known as intensivists. Natividad has an agreement with Dr. Cole, a board certified pulmonary medicine and critical care physician, to cover daily rounding in the ICU from time to time as needed to cover for employed physicians who were not available (e.g., vacation; illness; continuing medical education; etc.). Natividad has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value supporting the payment terms of this Agreement.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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

### FINANCING:

The cost of this amendment is \$100,000. The total not to exceed amount of the Agreement is \$200,000 for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023 (48 months). \$50,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Adopted Budget. The remaining balance will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The services rendered in this agreement provide NMC 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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Approved by: Dr. Charles R. Harris, Interim Chief Executive Officer, 783.2553

Attachments:

First Amendment  
Agreement

Attachments on File at the Clerk of the Board

Dr. Charles R. Harris  
Dr. Charles R. Harris, Interim Chief Executive Officer

11/17/21  
Date