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Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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Matter Type: BoS Agreement

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- b. Approve the NMC Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to accept non-standard insurance and limitations on damages provisions within the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

CIHQ is an accreditation organization that provides on-site consulting services to hospitals for the purpose of regulatory survey readiness assessment and preparation. CIHQ is a comprehensive program that is designed to ensure a successful Joint Commission accreditation survey which is anticipated to occur at Natividad in June or July of 2020.

The first CIHQ mock survey will be conducted on October 29-30 in 2019. This survey will focus on the Environment of Care standards that include Life Safety, Emergency Preparedness, and Building Safety.

The second CIHQ mock survey will be conducted on January 29-31 in 2020. This survey will focus on the clinical aspects of a Joint Commission survey. This is a more extensive survey that will encompass Provision of Care, National Patient Safety Goals, Infection Prevention, Medication Management, Waived Testing, Performance Improvement, Information Management, and Medical Staff standards.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel reviewed and approved this agreement as to legal form, but not as to insurance provisions and the Auditor-Controller reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The agreement was reviewed and approved by NMC's Finance Committee on 07/25/19 and by its Board of Trustees on 08/02/19.

FINANCING:

The cost for this agreement is \$20,000 of which \$19,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Adopted Budget. Amounts for remaining years of the agreement will be included in those budgets as appropriate.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Maintaining The Joint Commission accreditation is vital to Natividad. Many of our professional and insurance contracts require TJC accreditation. TJC is recognized world-wide as a symbol of quality which reflects our commitment to ensure that evidence-based quality and safety standards are followed.

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

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Attachments:
Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board