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Board Report

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Matter Type: BoS Agreement

- a. Approve and authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) to execute the Professional Services Agreement with M. Hertzl Soumekh to provide neurosurgery services at NMC for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the period February 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; and
- b. Authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for NMC to sign up to three (3) amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% 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 Medical Center (NMC) has been designated the Level II Trauma Center for Monterey County. The American College of Surgeons requires neurosurgeons provide dedicated call coverage with a 30 minute response time for Level II Trauma Centers. In order to provide 24/7 care, it is necessary to develop and sustain a core team of quality neurosurgeons made up of employed and independent contract physicians to provide daily call coverage in the Emergency Department and follow-up care to patients in the Intensive Care Unit and Specialty Clinic. M. Hertzl Soumekh M.D. is a board certified neurosurgeon. NMC wishes to enter into an Agreement with Dr. Soumekh to provide neurosurgery services as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for the Level II Trauma Center activation. Dr. Soumekh is paid a daily rate for coverage services. NMC 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 Agreement as to legal form and risk provisions. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to fiscal provisions. The Agreement has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad Medical Center's Special Board of Trustees Executive Committee on July 18, 2014. The Agreement

was not reviewed by the NMC Finance Committee.

FINANCING:

The maximum not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$500,000 for the period February 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, the actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Soumekh's level of participation in the call panel which may fluctuate based on his availability. NMC has agreements with multiple providers to cover this service; the total amount of these agreements may equal more than \$1,300,000; however the actual expenditure will not exceed the \$1,300,000 annually which is included in the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachments: Agreement

Attachments on file at the Clerk of the Board

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Date