



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

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

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July 09, 2024

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Matter Type: BoS Agreement

- a. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad or his designee to execute an agreement with The Chartis Group, LLC for peer review assessment services at Natividad for an amount not to exceed \$205,000 with an agreement term retroactive from June 17, 2024 through June 16, 2027.
- b. Approve the Natividad Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to accept non-standard indemnification and limitation of liability provisions within the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad has multiple medical specialties on its medical staff. The Joint Commission requires ongoing monitoring and evaluation of provider performance in order to ensure excellence in physician performance and the highest quality of patient care. It is necessary to obtain the services of an external independent review organization in order to gain objective specialty expertise for some of the smaller specialties and to avoid conflict of interest. The Chartis Group offers comprehensive ongoing external peer review services for continued improvement of patient care and risk reduction at Natividad. Chartis also offers special focused evaluations through its panel of board certified physician specialists, not otherwise available to Natividad.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this agreement as to form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The agreement has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad's Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on June 14, 2024.

FINANCING:

The cost for this agreement is \$205,000 of which \$105,000 is included in the FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget. Amounts for remaining years of the agreement will be included in those budgets as appropriate. Funding will be provided from NMC's Enterprise Fund 451-9600-6613

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

To improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services. By providing objective peer review of the work of our physicians and other providers we increase the quality of care and adherence to best practices throughout the hospital.

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

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Approved by: Charles R. Harris, Chief Executive Officer, 783-2553

Attachments:

The Chartis Group LLC Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board

Charles R Harris
Charles R. Harris, M.D., Chief Executive Officer

6/17/2024
Date