



# Monterey County

Item No.

## Board Report

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

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May 25, 2021

**Introduced:** 5/7/2021

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

- a. Authorize the Chief Executive Office for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute the Professional and Call Coverage Services Agreement with CEP America-Psychiatry, PC, a California professional corporation dba Vituity to provide psychiatry services at NMC for the period the June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$8,236,050 in the aggregate; and
- b. Authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for NMC or his designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not significantly change the scope of work and do not cause an increase of more than ten percent 10% (\$823,605) of the original contract amount.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad must arrange for the care and treatment of patients in the 18 bed mental health unit (MHU) as well as hospitalized patients and patients who present to the emergency department in need of behavioral health services. Natividad wishes to enter into an agreement with Vituity, a comprehensive acute care psychiatric provider group, to provide 24/7 dedicated physician staffing and leadership for the MHU and tele-psychiatry services, oversight and medical direction of the MHU and consult liaison services for medical and surgical inpatients. 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 agreement as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this agreement as to fiscal provisions. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by Natividad's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees on May 14, 2021.

FINANCING:

The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$8,236,050 for the period June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024. \$2,637,675 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 recommended budget. The remaining amount 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: Gary Gray D.O., Chief Executive Officer, 783.2553

Attachments:

Agreement

Attachments on file at the Clerk of the Board

Dr. Gary R. Gray  
Dr. Gary R. Gray, Chief Executive Officer

5/14/21  
Date