



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: A 20-480, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for NMC 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% (\$30,000) of the original contract amount per each amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad Medical Center (NMC) received its designation as the Level II Trauma Center for Monterey County in January 2015. 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 to provide daily call coverage in the Emergency Department and follow-up care to patients in the Intensive Care Unit and Specialty Clinic.

NMC has an agreement with Muralidhara R. Raju M.D., a board certified neurosurgeon, to provide neurosurgery services along with other panel members as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for the Level II Trauma Center. Natividad wishes to amend the agreement to extend the term and add funds to the aggregate amount payable so that Dr. Raju can continue to provide services without interruption. 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 Amendment as to fiscal provisions. The Amendment has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad Medical Center's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees on November 13, 2020.

FINANCING:

The cost for this Amendment is \$400,000. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$1,200,000 for the period March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2021 (70 months). The actual cost is contingent upon the Dr. Raju's

level of participation, in the call panel which may fluctuate based on availability. NMC has agreements with multiple neurosurgical providers to ensure sufficient coverage of this service for which the total expenditure will not exceed \$1,300,000 annually and is included in the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Adopted Budget. 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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Attachments:

- Agreement
- First Amendment
- Second Amendment
- Third Amendment