



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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Adopt Resolution to:

- a. Amend Personnel Policies and Practices Resolution No. 98-394 and Appendix A to adjust the salary range of the Speech Pathologist classification as indicated in Attachment A; and
- b. Direct the Human Resources Department to implement the changes in the Advantage Human Resources Management System.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution to:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

A base wage compensation study of the Speech Pathologist classification was requested by Natividad administrative staff. The reasons cited for the request were recruitment difficulties and to check for salary alignment with the hospital comparable agencies identified in the County's Compensation Philosophy approved in December 2021.

The base wage analysis of the County's hospital comparable agencies found that based on the duties performed, the Speech Pathologist classification was matched to five (5) of the six (6) hospital comparable agencies and is approximately 7.47% below the salary mean.

To promote the County as the employer of choice, the goal is to provide labor market competitive wages by setting base wages within five percent (5% = - 4.495% with rounding) of the average of the agencies identified. The County's philosophy is to maintain a competitive compensation package that attracts and retains the highest quality candidates and employees to serve the community while maintaining sound fiscal standards.

Therefore, in accordance with the County's Compensation Philosophy, Natividad recommends adjusting the base wage salary of the Speech Pathologist classification by approximately 7.47% at top step in order to align with the labor market average.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Human Resources Department concurs with the recommendations. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521 has been notified of the recommendations.

FINANCING:

There is a salary increase of approximately \$21,755 as a result of these actions for Natividad Medical Center (Unit 9600) FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget. This action does not impact the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The proposed recommended actions address the Board of Supervisors Administration Strategic Initiative. The actions demonstrate the County's commitment to meeting the Board's initiatives in recruiting, retaining, and attracting a diverse, talented workforce that supports the mission of Monterey County.

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

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Attachments:

Attachment A
Resolution