



Board Report

File #: A 21-504, Version: 1

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- b. Authorize the Interim CEO for NMC or his designee to execute a further amendment to each of the agreements with the Locum Tenens Agencies to extend the term of each agreement to June 30, 2022, with necessary updates to payment rates, but with no change to the total aggregate liability for all agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

In April 2015, Natividad conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide referral of locum tenens physicians. Locum tenens are physicians who temporarily take the place of physicians during periods when physicians (employed or contracted) are not available (e.g., vacation; illness; continuing medical education; etc.) to provide health care services vital to Natividad’s continued operation.

In order to find highly qualified temporary physicians and other locum tenens, such as advanced practitioners, who match the position we are trying to cover and are available on sometimes very short notice, it is necessary to contract with multiple locum tenens agencies. This Agreement allows Natividad to continue utilizing the services needed to provide reliable and quality patient care without interruption.

Locum tenens physicians are treated as independent contractors under California law. Changes in California law have clarified, however, that advanced practitioner locum tenens staff are to be treated as employees, not independent contractors. This amendment adds provisions applicable to locum tenens staff who are now treated as employees under the law.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this amendment No. 7 as to form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The amendment No. 7 has also been reviewed and approved by NMC’s Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on October 8, 2021.

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact to the County's General Fund or Natividad's Adopted Budget FY21/22.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The services rendered in this agreement provide Natividad 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: Charles R. Harris, Interim Chief Executive Officer, 783-2504

Attachments:

SUMO Medical Staffing Agreement through Amendment No. 7

Staff Care, Inc. Agreement through Amendment No. 7

Next Medical Staffing, LLC Agreement through Amendment No. 7

Medical Doctor Associates, LLC Agreement through Amendment No. 7

Jackson & Coker Agreement through Amendment No. 7

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board