



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

Board Report

File #: A 22-095, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer for Natividad 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% (\$80,000) 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 provision of professional consultation and treatment of patients who present to the emergency department and who are admitted to the hospital in need of medical care the specialty of neurology. Natividad would like to enter into an agreement with California Tele-Physicians to provide 24/7 neurology consultative services for Natividad patients via specialized electronic telemedicine equipment. Services include indirect physical exams, history taking, diagnostic protocols, image analysis and recommendations for therapeutic interventions and/or diagnostic tests for any neurologic emergency. Natividad has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value for the payment terms of this agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this agreement as to legal form. The Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this agreement as to fiscal provisions. The agreement has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad Medical Center's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

FINANCING:

The total cost of this agreement is \$800,000 for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2024. \$400,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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.

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- Health and Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Approved by: Dr. Charles R. Harris, Interim Chief Executive Officer, 783.2553

Attachments:

Agreement

Attachments on File at the Clerk of the Board