



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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## Board Report

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Authorize the Purchasing Manager for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) to execute Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement (A-12000) with CME Consultants for Medical Education Accredited Program for Physicians Services at NMC, extending the Agreement to June 30, 2013 and adding \$30,000 for a revised total Agreement amount not to exceed \$185,000 in the aggregate.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of an accredited Continuing Medical Education (CME) program for the Medical Staff at Natividad Medical Center (NMC) is to support, foster, and direct comprehensive, cost-effective high quality patient care. The CME program is designed so that it disseminates current, relevant practical, evidence-based medical and scientific information to the Medical Staff so that knowledge, competence and/or performance gaps will be eliminated. The program consists of varied educational activities throughout the year, utilizing clinical experts providing lectures, case presentations or panels. The CME program is foundational in helping eliminate health disparities in the unique patient population served by NMC. NMC's CME program is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ), a subsidiary of the California Medical Association (CMA).

CME Consultants has provided consultation services to NMC since July 2008 in order to maintain an accredited CME program. The IMQ accreditation standards for a CME program have increased in number and complexity since 2007 and NMC lacks internal resources and expertise to maintain the CME program. NMC had a very successful accreditation survey in 2010 due to the support and coordination provided by CME Consultants. CME Consultants' services include: education of the NMC CME Committee regarding accreditation essentials, coordination of each CME Committee meeting (develop the agenda, take minutes, perform meeting follow-up) via telephone conference, maintain documentation of activity planning, assist in raising grant money, assist NMC in obtaining the services of speakers, and maintain all records relating to CME accreditation. It is recommended that the agreement with CME Consultants be renewed and that the dollar amount for Fiscal Year 2012/13 be \$30,000, the same as Fiscal Year 2011/12, to meet the ongoing CME needs of NMC.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to legal form and risk provisions. 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 Board of Trustees.

**FINANCING:**

The cost for this Amendment is \$30,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Recommended Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachments: Agreement, Amendments 1, 2, and 3.