



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

File #: A 23-356, **Version:** 1

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- b. Approve the NMC's Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to accept non-standard indemnification, limitations on liability, and limitations on damages with no insurance requirements stated within the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors renew the A Matter of Balance License Agreement for a term of three years as part of NMC's Trauma Outreach and Prevention Program, a requirement for Level II Trauma Centers verified by the American College of Surgeons. The purpose of this License Agreement is for Trauma Services at NMC to provide A Matter of Balance ("MOB"), an evidence-based falls management program, to older adults onsite at NMC, at community-based settings, or virtually.

The program is conducted over eight sessions, meeting weekly for two hours per session. The sessions are led by a MOB Master Trainer or volunteer lay leaders called coaches. A MOB Master Trainer is responsible for teaching the Matter of Balance curriculum to the coaches, providing them with guidance, a coach observation visit, support as they lead the MOB classes, ensuring fidelity of the MOB program, and evaluating outcomes.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this license agreement as to form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The license agreement has also been reviewed and approved by NMC's Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on July 14, 2023.

FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with this license agreement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The American College of Surgeons Verification, Review and Consultation (VRC) program requires that all trauma centers have an injury prevention program, that:

- Has a designated injury prevention professional; and
- Prioritizes injury prevention work based on trends identified in the trauma registry and local epidemiological data; and
- Implements activities with specific objectives and deliverables that address separate major causes of injury in the community; and

- Demonstrates evidence of partnerships with community organizations to support their injury prevention efforts.

MOB is an outreach education program that provides training and education to geriatric patients who have a history of falls or who are at risk of falling. Ground level falls are the 2nd leading cause of trauma seen at NMC's Trauma Center.

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Attachments:

MaineHealth License Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board