



Board Report

File #: A 15-262, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for NMC to sign up to three (3) amendments to this agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% of the original contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad Medical Center (NMC) received its designation as the Level II Trauma Center for Monterey County in January 2015. The American College of Surgeons requires neurosurgeons provide dedicated call coverage with a 30 minute response time for Level II Trauma Centers. In order to provide 24/7 care, it is necessary to develop and sustain a core team of quality neurosurgeons made up of employed and independent contract physicians to provide daily call coverage in the Emergency Department and follow-up care to patients in the Intensive Care Unit and Specialty Clinic.

NMC has an agreement with West Coast Brain & Spine Institute Inc., for which Peyman Tabrizi, M.D. is a board certified neurosurgeon. Dr. Tabrizi provides neurosurgery services at NMC as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for the Level II Trauma Center activation. NMC wishes to amend the agreement to extend the term an additional 23 months and to add to the amount payable for services during the extended term. Dr. Tabrizi is paid a daily rate for coverage services and an hourly rate for Director Services. NMC has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value supporting the payment terms of this Agreement.

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 Finance Committee on May 28, 2015 and Board of Trustees on June 5, 2015.

FINANCING:

The cost for this Amendment is \$200,000. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$700,000 for the period August 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017. The actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Tabrizi's level of participation, in the call panel which may fluctuate based on his availability NMC has agreements with multiple providers to cover this service the total expenditure will not exceed \$1,300,000 annually which is included in the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachments:

First Amendment
Agreement;

Attachments on file at the Clerk of the Board