



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: A 19-340, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for NMC 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% (\$50,000) of the original contract amount.

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 to provide daily call coverage in the Emergency Department and follow-up care to patients in the Intensive Care Unit and Specialty Clinic.

Natividad would like to enter into an agreement with Gregory M. Helbig, M.D., Inc., for which Dr. Helbig, a board certified neurosurgeon provides neurosurgery services as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for the Level II Trauma Center activation. Dr. Helbig will be paid a daily rate for coverage services, which may increase due to availability and the need for coverage, but the rate of pay remains the same. Natividad 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. 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 August 22, 2019 and Board of Trustees on September 6, 2019.

FINANCING:

The total cost of this Agreement is \$500,000. The actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Helbig's participation in the call panel which may fluctuate based on his availability. Natividad has agreements with multiple providers

to ensure sufficient coverage of the neurosurgery services where the total expenditure will not exceed \$1,300,000 annually which is included in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 adopted budget. The remaining balance will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The services rendered in this agreement are required for Level II Trauma Centers and provide NMC 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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Attachments: Agreement

Attachments on file at the Clerk of the Board