



Board Report

File #: A 20-285, **Version:** 1

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Juniper Advisory LLC is an independent advisory firm working exclusively with hospitals and health systems. Juniper Advisory LLC has completed more than 240 assignments in which they assisted nonprofit health systems consider various strategic options and have advised on more than 125 completed business combinations. Juniper Advisory LLC worked on over 20 projects in California, most recently with Santa Clara County ("SCC") in acquiring three former Daughters of Charity hospitals in the Bay Area. Being well versed in the specific requirements of local- Government owned hospitals, Juniper Advisory LLC is uniquely qualified to provide advisory services for Natividad.

The U.S. healthcare system is increasingly pushing hospitals and other healthcare delivery organizations to deliver integrated care across a broader market. Fee for service payment mechanisms are evolving towards a value-based healthcare market, which mandates local and regional coordination of healthcare delivery among hospitals, provider groups and healthcare support businesses. To ensure a thriving public healthcare delivery system Juniper Advisory LLC will assist Natividad with strategy and planning regarding collaborative arrangements and opportunities with one or more health care business partners.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form. 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 on July 10, 2020.

FINANCING:

The total cost of this Agreement is \$870,000. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Approved by: Gary Gray D.O., Chief Executive Officer, 783.2553

Attachments: Agreement

Attachments on file at the Clerk of the Board