



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

Board Report

File #: A 21-302, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad or his designee 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 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.

Natividad would like to amend the agreement with Neurorescue, a Professional Medical Corp., so that Dr. Mohsin Shah, a board certified neurosurgeon, can continue to provide neurosurgery services as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for the Level II Trauma Center without interruption. Dr. Shah is paid a daily rate for coverage services, which may increase due to availability and the need for coverage, but the rate of pay for services 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's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees on June 11, 2021.

FINANCING:

The cost of this amendment is \$200,000. The total cost of this agreement is \$700,000 for the period July 1,

2019 to June 30, 2023 (48 months). The actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Shah's participation in the call panel which may fluctuated 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 2021/2022 recommended 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 is required for Level II trauma centers and provide Natividad 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:

First Amendment

Agreement