



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: A 21-509, **Version:** 1

a. Authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute amendment No. 4 to the agreement (A-13020) with CA Transplant dba SafetyGraft for tissue bank services, extending the agreement an additional one (1) year period (January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022) for a revised full agreement term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2022 and adding \$130,000 for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$362,500.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

California Transplant Services, Inc. (CTS) is licensed by the California Department of Public Health and is an IRS qualified 501(c) 3 non-profit public charity. CTS operates an eye and tissue bank offering physicians worldwide quality tissue for transplant and is accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks and a member of the Eye Bank Association of America.

CTS provides autologous tissue storage for major trauma centers like Natividad for the storage of skull flaps from trauma (head injury) patients and any patient where the brain swelling prevents replacement of the skull bone. Natividad clinicians perform craniotomies, procedures which require a patient's skull flap to be removed until swelling is reduced and the flap can be re-implanted. These bone flaps will be properly stored at California Transplant Services. Contracting with CTS assures proper storage and availability no matter where patients have their skull flaps re-implanted at a later date.

CTS supplies NMC with procurement packs for NMC's use in procuring autologous tissue (skull flaps). Once the skull flap has been acquired, CTS will be contacted and the tissue sent to CTS. CTS will pay for couriers, shipment, and carriage of all autologous bone or skull flaps. CTS is responsible for package inspection and notifying NMC if the package is compromised and potentially not suitable for re-implantation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this amendment No. 4 as to form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The amendment No. 4 has also been reviewed and approved by NMC's Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on October 8, 2021

FINANCING:

The cost for this amendment No. 4 is \$130,000 of which is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The continuation of the current CTS contract will assure tissues are being transported and stored in accordance with current guidelines and regulations. NMC will continue collaboration with CTS to store skull flaps of the trauma patients requiring craniotomies thereby further enhancing healthcare opportunities for Monterey County residents.

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- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Public Safety

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Attachments:

- CA Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Amendment No. 4
- CA Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Amendment No. 3
- CA Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Amendment No. 2
- CA Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Amendment No. 1
- CA Transplant Services dba SafetyGraft Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board