



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

File #: A 21-552, **Version:** 1

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- b. Approve the Interim CEO for NMC’s recommendation to accept non-standard risk provisions (insurance and indemnification); and
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad strives to offer the highest quality care and best outcomes to patients and families. At the same time, the organization promotes professional development and continuous skill acquisition among staff for the betterment of the community. One way we achieve this at Natividad is to support clinical affiliation agreement(s) with colleges and universities for specific clinical programs that suit the needs of the organization and the community it serves. Natividad would like to renew the agreement with Vanderbilt University for the Nurse Practitioner Program. This program can benefit Natividad in terms of talent acquisition following completion of clinical rotation in the event that the hospital needs to fill vacant positions for Nurse Practitioner(s).

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this education agreement as to form. The education agreement has also been reviewed and approved by NMC’s Board of Trustees on November 12, 2021.

FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with this education agreement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Natividad is dedicated to the people of Monterey County to provide the best possible care to each patient. As a teaching hospital, it is essential to support professional development and upward career mobility through partnership with colleges and universities. Supporting the clinical affiliation with Vanderbilt University leads to a stronger workforce which strengthens economic development and growth opportunities within Monterey County. The Nurse Practitioner Program of Vanderbilt University can yield qualified professional Nurse Practitioners (NP), some of which are likely to reside in Monterey County working as NPs, thereby

strengthening the pool of medical professionals in the area, and further enhancing healthcare opportunities for Monterey County residents.

- ☒ Economic Development
- ☐ Administration
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- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Public Safety

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Attachments:

Education Agreement with Vanderbilt University

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board