

June 18, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

SUBJECT:

Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or Designee to Sign, an Affiliation Agreement for Resident Training Services with Community Memorial Health System (CMH), Effective June 15, 2024; Delegation of Authority for the HCA Director or Designee to Execute a Program Letter of Agreement with CMH Meeting Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Requirements, Subject to Approval by County Counsel; Authorization for the HCA Director or Designee to Approve Non-Material Changes in the Agreements, Subject to Review and Approval by County Counsel.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That your Board approve and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or designee to sign, an Affiliation Agreement (Agreement) for resident training services with Community Memorial Health System (CMH), effective June 15, 2024, and ratify HCA's authorization for CMH residents to participate in the program under the terms of the Agreement in anticipation of your Board's approval.
2. That your Board delegate authority for the HCA Director or Designee to execute a Program Letter of Agreement with CMH meeting Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements, subject to review and approval by County Counsel.
3. That your Board authorize the HCA Director or designee to approve non-material changes in the Agreements, subject to review and approval by County Counsel.

REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

HCA and CMH recently concluded negotiations on the Agreement, which is being presented for approval at the earliest possible date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: VCMC Operating Revenues/Collections
Funding Match Required: None
Impact on Other Departments: N/A

Summary of Annual Revenues and Costs Under this Agreement:

| | <u>FY 2023-24</u> | <u>FY 2024-25</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| REVENUE: | \$130,500 | \$130,500 |
| DIRECT COSTS: | \$130,500 | \$130,500 |
| INDIRECT COSTS: | Minor | Minor |
| Net revenue <cost> | \$0 | \$0 |

Current Fiscal Year Budget:

| FY 2023-24 Budget Projections for Ventura County Medical Center #3300 | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Adopted Budget | Adjusted Budget | Projected Actual | Estimated Savings/(Deficit) |
| Expenditures | \$673,790,899 | \$721,214,436 | \$676,277,276 | \$44,937,160 |
| Revenue | \$665,452,626 | \$682,772,959 | \$672,052,975 | (\$10,719,984) |
| Operational Income/(Loss) | (\$8,338,273) | (\$38,441,477) | (\$4,224,301) | \$34,217,176 |

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 23-24 adopted budget. The operational income includes "Operating Transfers In" that are primarily attributed to County contribution. Sufficient revenues and appropriations are included in the FY2024-25 budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:

The item presented in this Board letter supports the Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing access to quality healthcare required for our community to thrive.

DISCUSSION:

Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) has provided educational experiences for physician residents and medical students sponsored by CMH since 2015. Your Board most recently approved the Fourth Amended and Restated Affiliation Agreement with CMH on September 26, 2023.

CMH has a need to provide its physician residents with Graduate Medical Education (GME) experiences that cannot be provided at CMH. Physician residents sponsored by CMH in the specialties of general surgery, orthopedic surgery, psychiatry, and family medicine have come to VCMC to use our facilities for rotations to fulfill their educational requirements.

In addition, medical students from Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, who are rotating at CMH, have also come to VCMC for some of their educational experiences. On an annual basis approximately 50 residents from CMH and 75 medical students come to VCMC for educational experiences in GME.

On an annual basis approximately 380 learners of all types, including physician residents, medical students, nursing students, allied health students in occupational therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy, and psychology students come to VCMC. Because VCMC is the designated trauma center for the western half of Ventura County, the CMH residents in surgery and orthopedics come to VCMC for training in trauma and operative experience.

The CMH psychiatry residents primarily use the Inpatient Psychiatric Unit for their training. The CMH family medicine residents come for their inpatient pediatric training. All CMH residents provide patient care under the supervision of attending physicians from VCMC.

Under the Agreement, CMH will pay the County for the cost of hosting the CMH residents and medical students, in the annual amount of \$130,500 for the three-year term of the Agreement.

Operational elements of the CMH resident and medical student assignments will be contained in a separate Program Letter of Agreement with CMH. We are requesting a delegation of authority for the HCA Director or designee to execute a Program Letter of Agreement meeting the requirements of ACGME, which sets national standards for medical residency programs, subject to review and approval by the County Counsel.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and Auditor- Controller's Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact John Polich, HCA Deputy Director for Government and Regulatory Affairs, at (805) 677-5140.



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Exhibit 1 – Community Memorial Health System Affiliation Agreement