

October 8, 2024

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

SUBJECT:

Ratification and Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director to sign, the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with National Health Foundation for Recuperative Care Services to Reallocate Unused Funds from Contract Year (CY) 2023, Decreasing the Amount for CY 2023 from \$1,506,694 to \$1,417,052 (a Decrease of \$89,642) and Increasing the Amount for CY 2024 from \$2,330,060 to \$2,419,702 (an Increase of \$89,642); Approval of, and Authorization for the HCA Director or Approve Limited Contract Modifications and Extend the Term of the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ratification and approval of, and authorization for the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or designee to sign, the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with National Health Foundation (NHF) for recuperative care services to reallocate unused funds from contract year (CY) 2023, decreasing the amount for CY 2023 from \$1,506,694 to \$1,417,052 (a decrease of \$89,642) and increasing the amount for CY 2024 from \$2,330,060 to \$2,419,702 (an increase of \$89,642). (Exhibit 1)
2. Authorization for the HCA Director or designee to amend the agreement (a) decrease the amount of the agreement, (b) make contractual budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, (c) make corrections, clarifications and technical changes to the agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.
3. Authorization for the HCA Director or designee to extend the term of the agreement referenced in Recommendation No. 1 up to one (1) time for a period not to exceed one year (with any changes in the scope of work to be consistent with the original purpose of the agreement). All extensions are subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board and to review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

Lodging expenditures in CY 2023 were less than projected. In CY 2024 the same type of expenditures are greater than originally anticipated. NHF has continued to provide these services in anticipation of your Board's approval. This item is being presented to your Board at its earliest opportunity.

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>CY 2023</u>	<u>CY 2024</u>
REVENUE:	(\$89,642)	\$89,642
DIRECT COSTS:	(\$89,642)	\$89,642
INDIRECT COSTS:	Minor	Minor
Net Revenue <cost>	\$0	\$0

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Current FY 2024-25 Budget Projections for Ventura County Medical System #3300				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Expenditures	\$720,985,484	\$720,985,484	\$720,985,484	\$0
Revenue	\$721,404,225	\$721,404,225	\$721,404,225	\$0
Operational Income/(Loss)	\$418,741	\$418,741	\$418,741	\$0

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

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:

The item presented in this Board letter ties to the Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare services.

DISCUSSION:

Recommendation 1:

NHF provides recuperative care services that include coordination and facilitation of medical care after hospital discharge. These duties include coordinating post discharge medical appointments, referrals to physical health, mental health and substance use disorder services, and education on self-care and medication management.

The proposed fourth amendment to the agreement with NHF would modify the Agreement to allow unused funds from CY 2023 to be moved to cover expenses for the same types of services rendered in the current CY 2024.

HCA recommends ratification and approval of, and authorization for the HCA Director or designee to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with NHF for recuperative care services, to reallocate unused funds decreasing the amount for CY 2023 from \$1,506,694 to \$1,417,052 (a decrease of \$89,642) and increasing the amount for CY 2024 from \$2,330,060 to \$2,419,702 (an increase of \$89,642) effective May 1, 2023.

Recommendation 2:

In order to timely respond to needed changes to achieve contract goals and ensure costs are maintained within available funding and budgets, HCA also requests authorization for the HCA Director or designee to amend these agreements (a) decrease the amount of each agreement, (b) approve contractual budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, (c) make corrections, clarifications, and technical changes to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

Recommendation 3:

HCA requests authorization for the HCA Director to extend the term of the agreement referenced in Recommendation No. 1 up to one (1) time for a period not to exceed one year on the same or more favorable terms and conditions (with any changes in the scope of work to be consistent with the original purpose of the Agreement). All extensions are subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board and to review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and the County Executive Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Allison Blaze, M.D., Interim Chief Executive Officer, Ambulatory Care, at 805-677-5223.



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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – CY 23-24 National Health Foundation – A4