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

Subject: **Ratification of and Approval and Authorization for the Purchasing Agent to Sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract 8705 with California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. to Expand the Staffing Matrix for Medical and Psychiatric Services for Inmates at Custody Facilities Operated by the Sheriff and Increase the Contract Amount for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2027, by \$707,504.**

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Ratify the General Services Agency (GSA) Procurement Services authorization to California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. to perform services prior to execution of the First Amendment beginning October 1, 2023.
2. Approve, and authorize General Services Agency (GSA) Procurement Services to sign Amendment No. 1 (Exhibit 2) to County of Ventura Contract No. 8705 (Exhibit 1) with California Forensic Medical Group, Inc., to (1) provide additional medical staffing at County jail facilities for medical and psychiatric services for inmates and increase the Contract Amount for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2027, by \$707,504.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: Yes
Authority: Penal Code 4011 and CA Code of Regulation, Title 15
Source of Funding: 2011 Realignment Community Corrections - AB109
and General Fund Budgeted Net Cost
Funding Match Required: None
Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:	<u>FY2023-24</u>	<u>FY2024-25</u>
Revenue:		
Realignment Revenue-Sheriff	\$ 0	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct -Sheriff	\$18,734,754	\$ 0
Indirect-Sheriff	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect-County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$18,734,754	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$18,734,754	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Appropriations are included in the FY23/24 Adopted Budget*

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projection:

FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for Sheriff Detention Services – Division 2550				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Variance
Appropriations	\$135,613,272	\$135,613,272	\$135,613,272	\$0
Revenue	\$61,934,849	\$61,934,849	\$61,934,849	\$0
Net Cost	\$73,678,423	\$73,678,423	\$73,678,423	\$0

Reason for Ratification:

We were unable to obtain your Board's approval of the contract amendment due to the prolonged negotiation schedule and necessary expedited implementation plan. Due to the limited availability of dates to bring this to your Board, we were unable to seek your Board's approval until now.

Discussion:

The County of Ventura has a contractual relationship with the California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. (CFMG), to provide medical and psychiatric services for adults in custody facilities operated by the Sheriff's Office.

On June 21, 2022, your Board approved County of Ventura Contract No. 8705 (Contract), which became effective July 1, 2023. (Exhibit 1) The Contract was for five years with options for multi-year extensions. The proposed contract amendment would be effective on October 1, 2023, but would not extend the initial term of the contract (Exhibit 2).

Since enactment of the Contract in 2022, Ventura County has experienced unprecedented inflation and professional medical staff shortages similar to those experienced nationwide. When the Request for Proposal for the Contract was completed and final negotiations occurred, nobody could predict these external stressors to the provision of correctional healthcare in Ventura County.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office recently added 64 beds with the opening of the Health and Programming Unit (HPU). Although staffing this new addition was included in the RFP, some of the anticipated staffing efficiencies have not been realized, and the programs to be housed in the HPU have changed. The addition of a new housing unit and increased beds necessitates additional staffing to meet the requirements for accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare

The Sheriff's Office, after meticulous negotiations with CFMG, recommends the addition of 8.8 full time equivalent (FTE) medical and mental health professionals between the two custody facilities. A detailed breakdown can be found in Amendment No. 1, Appendix B (Exhibit 2). The addition of the medical staff will ensure the provision of timely care within the jails, enhance responsiveness for incarcerated person requests for care, expand the effectiveness of follow-up evaluations, and increase efficiencies in the administration of medications within the facilities.

The Contract Amendment also memorializes the partnership between the County and CFMG to provide tattoo removal for all incarcerated persons to enhance our already robust reentry services.

The cost to add the additional medical and mental health positions are within the amount appropriated by the County Executive Office for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

This board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, the County Executive Office, and the General Services Agency. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Assistant Sheriff Shane Matthews at (805) 654-2305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Fryhoff', with a stylized, overlapping loop structure.

Jim Fryhoff
Sheriff

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – CFMG contract #8705

Exhibit 2 – Amendment 1 to contract #8705 with CFMG