



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: April 12, 2022

Subject: Amendment #26-306-34 with Per Diem Staffing Systems, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute Amendment Agreement #26-306-34 with Per Diem Staffing Systems, Inc., a corporation, to amend Contract #26-306-33, effective March 1, 2022, to increase the crisis rates for temporary nurse staffing services at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (CCRMC) and Contra Costa Health Centers with no increase in the payment limit of \$1,000,000, and no change in the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This amendment will not impact the contractual service expenditures for fiscal year 2021-2022 and is funded 100% by Hospital Enterprise Fund I. (Rate increase)

BACKGROUND:

CCRMC and Contra Costa Health Centers have an obligation to provide medical staffing services to patients. Therefore, the County contracts with temporary help firms to ensure patient care is provided during peak loads, temporary absences, vacations and emergency situations where additional staffing is required. The County has been using the contractor's temporary staffing services since July 1, 1997.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/12/2022** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 12, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: Jaspreet Benepal,
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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

On June 22, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #26-306-33 with Per Diem Staffing Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the provision of temporary nurses and other medical staffing classifications to cover employee sick leaves, vacations and workers compensation leaves, at CCRMC and Contra Costa Health Centers for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Approval of Amendment #26-306-34 will increase the crisis rates for nurse staffing and allow the contractor to continue providing temporary staffing services through June 30, 2022.

Due to Contra Costa County still being in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, CCRMC and Health Centers continue to experience a shortage in nursing staff due to multiple staff taking time off for COVID-19 isolations and illnesses. The County is challenged by the lack of agency nurses being available and willing to work on current billed rates, therefore the division is requesting to amend this contract to increase the crisis rates to retain agency nursing staff at CCRMC and Health Centers.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this amendment is not approved, crisis rates will not increase and hard to fill nursing positions will continue to go unstaffed.