



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner
Date: June 7, 2022

Subject: National Medical Services Inc.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Sheriff-Coroner, or designee, to execute a contract with National Medical Services Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 to provide forensic toxicology analysis for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$850,000. 100% Agency User Fees. Budgeted.

BACKGROUND:

Contra Costa County provides, through its Office of the Sheriff – Forensic Services Division – Crime Laboratory, toxicology analysis on blood, urine, and tissue samples submitted as evidence. The County’s Crime Laboratory is accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors–Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB) and also processes submissions from other agencies. National Medical Services Inc., (NMS) is also accredited by ASCLD-LAB and performs testing and analysis on forensic samples on both ante-mortem and post-mortem cases, providing product assurance and validity of results. The Sheriff’s Office Crime Lab and Coroner’s Office will utilize services provided by NMS for sample evidence analysis.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/07/2022** ☒ 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: June 7, 2022

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

Contact: Chrystine Robbins,
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By: Antonia Welty, Deputy

cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The contract process was started before the expiration of the prior contract term, however there was extended negotiations regarding revised needs of the County. Several iterations of the terms caused unanticipated delays with the Contractor, including additional legal reviews by the County. Once the final terms were resolved, the Contractor signatures were postponed because the authorized signatories were out of office for extended periods of time. The vendor has continued to provide crucial forensic toxicology analysis and the fully executed contract effective January 1, 2022, will be necessary for payment on the provided services since January 1st.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A negative action on this item will cause long delays in the processing of forensic toxicology analysis submitted as evidence.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

None.