

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA** 411



**FROM:** Riverside County Regional Medical Center **SUBMITTAL DATE:** June 17, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendments of Nurse Registry Agreements with Riverside County Regional Medical Center

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** 1) That the Board of Supervisors approve the Amendments to the Agreements increasing the contract amounts and extending the period of performance; 2) Authorize the Chairperson to sign (3) copies of the Amendment; 3) Retain one (1) executed copy for the Clerk of the Board; and 4) return two (2) executed copies of the Amendment to Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Contracts Administration for distribution.

**BACKGROUND:** Riverside County Regional Medical Center has experienced an increased inpatient census since the facility relocated to the Moreno Valley location on March 31, 1998. The facility has experienced census at times exceeding 270 inpatients, during seasonal (flu-season) increased admits necessitating the need for immediate nursing resources. RCRMC is required to meet licensure standards for staffing to provide adequate delivery of patient care and to meet patient care needs based on acuity levels. There continues to be a national and regional shortage of qualified nursing staff, in the areas of

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Douglas Bagley, Director  
Riverside County Regional Medical Center

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**FINANCIAL DATA:**

CURRENT YEAR COST: \$ 1,470,000  
NET COUNTY COST: \$ 0.00

ANNUAL COST: \$ 953,000  
IN CURRENT BUDGET: YES  
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: NO FOR FY: 02/03 - 03/04

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Hospital Enterprise Funds

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS:** **APPROVE**

County Executive Officer Signature: *[Signature]*

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critical care, mental health, emergency and operating room nurses, making recruitment difficult. These specific areas have also seen the greatest increase in volumes. In addition, specialized training, education and certification are required in order to work in these areas resulting in decreased flexibility in assignment of nursing staff. Therefore, registry staff are used only until qualified nursing staff can be hired and trained. Additionally, RCRMC is exploring options with County Human Resources to enhance recruitment and ensure adequate staffing levels.

It is requested that the Board approve the amendments to the current agreements increasing the amount of contracts as identified on the attachment; resulting in a total increase of \$2,423,000. This increased registry cost does not impact the facility's operating budget, due to the current open nursing staff positions.

It is also requested to extend the period of performance on the current Prime Vendors, while RCRMC continues to work with County Purchasing on finalizing the RFP process for Nursing Registry.