



San Bernardino County

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REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

July 26, 2022

FROM

WILLIAM L. GILBERT, Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

SUBJECT

Appropriation Adjustment to Fund Multiple Medical Information Technology, Inc. Agreements for the Legacy Electronic Health Record System

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve an increase of appropriation to Contract No. 01-160 with Medical Information Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$2,428,552, from \$7,257,383 to \$9,685,935, for continued use and maintenance of the legacy electronic health record system for 24 months during conversion to the new Epic electronic health record system, with no change to the contract term beginning March 30, 2001, and continuing until terminated by either party.
2. Approve an increase of appropriation to Contract No. 06-438 with Medical Information Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$165,528, from \$1,396,980 to \$1,562,508, for continued use and maintenance of the legacy electronic health record system for approximately eight months during conversion to the new Epic electronic health record system, with no change to the contract term beginning November 30, 2006, and continuing until terminated by either party.

(Presenter: William L. Gilbert, Director, 580-6150)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as the additional total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,594,080 is funded by State Medi-Cal, Federal Medicare, private insurances, and other department revenue. Funding sources may change in the future pending any legislative actively related to the repeal and/or replacement of the Affordable Care Act. Adequate appropriation and revenue are included in the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center's (ARMC) 2022-23 budget and will be included in future recommended budgets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of the recommendations will provide ARMC with sufficient appropriations to fund the costs associated with continued use and maintenance of the Medical Information Technology, Inc. (MEDITECH) electronic health record system (EHR), while ARMC continues to transition to Epic, the new EHR. ARMC has utilized the MEDITECH EHR for all patient care and billing needs since 2001. MEDITECH provided ARMC a

comprehensive and integrated EHR that was designed to help increase patient safety, streamlined processes, and improve communication across departments and care teams. MEDITECH Business Clinical Analytics integrated with the MEDITECH EHR environment to extract analytical data and present it in a standardized manner.

ARMC began transition to Epic in February 2022, and has begun to sunset clinical portions of the MEDITECH EHR. Non-clinical modules, which ARMC uses within MEDITECH to manage billing, patient accounts, general ledger and fixed assets, will need to remain active.

The majority of the MEDITECH modules are expected to be transitioned to Epic by December 2022. Modules specific to scanning and archiving of medical records may take longer to convert and will remain active until full transition to Epic is completed, estimated to take eight months. Modules specific to billing and patient accounts will take longer to transition to Epic and will remain active until complete billing functionality is available in Epic. As Epic does not currently offer functionality for general ledger and fixed assets, these MEDITECH modules will remain active until available in the Epic system and will be transitioned at that time.

Between March 6, 2001 and August 24, 2010, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the following for various MEDITECH services (including purchase, installation, and expenses):

Contract No.	Board Approval Date	Item No.	Services Provided
01-160	3/6/2001	65	Purchase and installation of the EHR at ARMC
01-160 A-1	1/28/2003	87	Purchase and installation of Siemens' Picture Archival Communications System interface
01-160 A-2	5/6/2003	65	Additional seven modules added
01-160 A-3	12/14/2004	54	Additional three modules added
06-438	6/6/2006	100	Additional eight modules added
01-160 A-4	5/19/2009	63	Additional software and interfaces added
01-160 A-5	8/24/2010	11	Additional interface added

There has been no Board activity after August 2010 for Contract No. 01-160 and after June 2006 for Contract No. 06-438 because there has been adequate funding and no additional changes were required. However, an increase in the contract appropriations is now needed to ensure that ARMC has sufficient funding to transition to Epic, and maintain certain aspects of the MEDITECH EHR system after ARMC's transition to Epic.

While Contract Nos. 01-160 and 06-438 did not include language relating to the total contract amounts, the Board Agenda Items approving those contracts and related amendments specified the expected total expenditures. An amendment to each contract to further increase the contract amount is not legally necessary because the underlying contracts did not contain a not-to-exceed contract amount, and both provide a perpetual term. Nonetheless, ARMC requested that MEDITECH enter into an amendment to effectuate an increase to the Board approved contract amounts for Contract Nos. 01-160 and 06-438, but MEDITECH refused to execute the amendments on the basis that they were not legally necessary. Accordingly, ARMC is now requesting that the Board approve the requested appropriation increase to the contracts, without an amendment, ensuring sufficient funding to transition and maintain needed modules of the MEDITECH EHR system.

PROCUREMENT

The County Purchasing Department continues to support the non-competitive contracts with MEDITECH based on ARMC's existing contracts.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Bonnie Uphold, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on June 30, 2022; Purchasing (Ariel Gill, Buyer, 777-0722) on May 23, 2022; ARMC Finance (Chen Wu, Finance and Budget Officer, 580-3165) on May 24, 2022; Finance (Jenny Yang, Administrative Analyst, 387-4884) on June 10, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Diana Atkeson, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 25, 2022.