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## MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

DATE: September 30, 2015

TO: File

FROM: Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager *BT*

RE: Sole Source Determination per Section 13-1-126 NMSA 1978 to Contract with the New Mexico Dental Foundation to Provide Free Dental Care Services for the New Mexico Mission of Mercy Event, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Amount of \$50,000.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In New Mexico there is a lack of dental providers who accept Medicaid, the lack of full dental coverage for most people on Medicaid, the lack of dental coverage for people who have subsidized health plans through the Exchange, and the shortage of dentists in rural parts of Santa Fe County. Over half of indigent Santa Fe County residents of all ages had no dental visit in the last year, and 16 percent of indigent Santa Fe County residents 65 or older had all of their natural teeth extracted. The Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Program is seeing a rise in claims for reimbursement of dental services, particularly for adults who earn too much to qualify for Centennial Care and immigrants who have no access to dental insurance.

### **ISSUE:**

The New Mexico Dental Foundation plans to offer free dental care at a unique event, called the "New Mexico Mission of Mercy," to be held at the Santa Fe Convention Center on April 9 and 10, 2016. During the New Mexico Mission of Mercy, the NM Dental Foundation expects to provide approximately 1,000 County residents with free dental care, including dentures, root canals, and other procedures.

By resolution on September 29, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Manager to enter into a professional services agreement in the amount of \$50,000 with the New Mexico Dental Foundation, "as a sole-source provider, under which the Foundation shall provide outreach services, planning and implementation of the New Mexico Mission of Mercy Event."

### **DETERMINATION:**

The NM Dental Foundation brings all resources together in a critical mass and provides the structure in place and the planning, knowledge, experience and capacity to carry out a large-scale free dental care event in Santa Fe County.

Based on a good faith effort, no other organization can provide this broad range of services to the Public good.

Therefore it is the determination of this office these services are unique to the intent and purpose of providing these services to the Public and shall be procured under the provisions of a sole source procurement pursuant to 13-1-126, NMSA 1978 Sole Source Procurement.

**Contract Information:**

**Vendor:** NM Foundation for Dental Health Research and Education ("NM Dental Foundation")  
10701 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite L  
Albuquerque, NM 87111

**Services April 9 & 10, 2016** \$ 50,000.00

**Delivery:**

1. Provide outreach services, planning and implementation of the New Mexico Mission of Mercy event, to be held at the Santa Fe Convention Center in April 2016, which will provide free dental care to approximately 1,000 people.
2. Provide to Santa Fe County Community Services Department demographic information, including the participant's address, family size, and annual income, within 30 days of the event.