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DATE: December 23, 2021

TO: File

FROM: Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager *BT*

Via: Yvonne S. Herrera, Finance Director
Derek Williams,

RE: **Declaration of Emergency – Inmate Emergency Medical Care Services Specific to Procuring Nursing Services for Residents at the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility; and to Procure Adequate Nursing Staff from Medical Providers**

Issue:

The County Adult Detention Facility houses inmates that, on occasion have emergency health conditions that require immediate attention by onsite nursing staff. The Facility is experiencing insufficient levels of nursing staff from current health care providers for onsite medical emergencies for residents. In most all medical cases, it is the responsibility of Santa Fe County and the Operations to provide these services through a third party medical provider and incur the costs for those medical services.

In providing these medical services, it is required to have adequate levels of nursing staff to properly render aide for unpredictable medical emergencies at the Facility. The Facility is experiencing a shortage of medical nursing staff that is provided by existing third party health care Providers contracted with the County.

As the Department has been unsuccessful in attaining and maintaining adequate levels of nursing staff at the Facility through the existing County contracts, the Department is requesting a declaration of emergency be made to negotiate and procure the services from other health care Providers to meet the current medical demand at the Adult Detention Facility.

Determination:

As it is the primary function of the County and the Corrections Department to provide a secure, healthy and safe housing facility and operations for the residents at the Adult Detention Facility (ADF), it is the determination of the County Procurement Manager and Chief Procurement Officer for the County that an emergency condition does indeed exist that threatens the health and safety for the residents of ADF in providing urgent medical services with the existing condition of having insufficient nursing staff onsite; and therefore the conditions meets the requirements of an emergency procurement pursuant to NMSA 1978, 13-1-127, to address a serious threat to public health, welfare and safety.

It is further determined that the Department may take all action necessary to procure the services of additional nursing staff from various health care Providers that can provide the nursing staff needed at the Facility.

It is also the condition of this determination that the emergency procurement shall be made with competition, as is practicable under the circumstances.