

**SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL  
SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**RESOLUTION 2023-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE  
AREA BOARD TO SUPPORT SOLE SOURCING THE ACQUISITION OF EPIC, A  
NEW ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD SOFTWARE**

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**WHEREAS**, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (Borough) owns and provides for the operation of the South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. (SPHI) through the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital (SKPH) Service Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) is a non-profit entity founded in 1956 that serves those who live in the southern communities of the Kenai Peninsula from Ninilchik to Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Seldovia; and

**WHEREAS**, the SPH is a 22-bed acute care critical access hospital, with an attached 28-bed skilled nursing/long-term care facility, that provides healthcare services, including acute care, cancer care, home health, family birthing, imaging, sleep center, rehabilitation, surgery, trauma level IV emergency care, and other services utilized by residents of the SKPH Service Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has entered into an Operating Agreement with the SPHI for operation of the SPH and other medical facilities, and to provide other healthcare programs and services, on a nonprofit basis, in order to ensure the continued availability of medical services to SKPH Service Area residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the SPH relies on multiple electronic medical record (EMR) software programs to operate its many service departments and the primary EMR, the CPSI, has been used by the main SPH departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the CPSI has been used for 20+ years and the software does not offer many of the functionalities and integrations of other more widely used EMR programs and there is a need for patients and staff to be able to access all records for the hospital and clinics in one system;

**WHEREAS**, the new EMR software proposed, Epic Systems Software, will facilitate this need; and

**WHEREAS**, replacement of the EMR software will increase patient access and transferability to medical records as well as provide hospital employees with additional tools for better serving patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Epic is the EMR used by Central Peninsula, Providence, and Alaska Regional hospitals, where the SPH transfers patients requiring a higher level of care; and

**WHEREAS**, using the same system as the SPH's large regional partners will allow better continuity of care and a better experience for patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Epic would allow better care and easier access for critical care, tele-psych, and tele-stroke programs by allowing physicians to use a program remotely that they will easily be able to access and have solid operational knowledge, and

**WHEREAS**, the SPH Board of Directors (Board) supports the sole source purchase of Epic as the new EMR software; and

**WHEREAS**, the SPH Board resolution to move forward with a note payable from the Kenai Peninsula Borough will be discussed at SPH Board Finance Committee on September 21, 2023, which is after the SKPH Service Area Board meeting on September 14, 2023; and

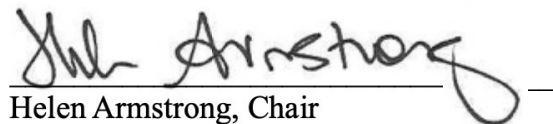
**WHEREAS**, the SPH Board will be meeting to discuss this resolution on September 27, 2023 after the SKPH Service Area Board meeting on September 14, 2023, the following recommendation of the SKPH Service Area Board is contingent upon support of the SPH Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA BOARD:**

1. That the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board hereby respectfully recommends the approval of Resolution 2023-14, which supports the sole source purchase of Epic, an electronic medical record software, for a purchase not to exceed \$5,000,000, contingent on the support of the South Peninsula Hospital Board of Directors at their September 27, 2023 meeting.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SOUTH KENAI PENINSULA HOSPITAL SERVICE AREA BOARD AT ITS MEETING HELD ON THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.**

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Helen Armstrong", is written over a horizontal line.

Helen Armstrong, Chair

South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board