

Purchase Request #5
Regular Board Meeting August 4, 2020
Consideration to Ratify Approval of Additional Funds for
Simulation Manikins

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees ratify the approval of the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of simulation manikins from Syndaver Labs for the Health Sciences, Emergency Services, and Veterinary Technology Departments.

BACKGROUND

The Syndaver Synthetic Humans, Animals, and Task Trainers are the most sophisticated manikins to facilitate simulated medical experiences for students and provide the most realistic physical representation of human and animal anatomy currently available. Pursuant to Board Policy CF (Local), Dr. Matkin approved the additional funds to expedite the purchase of animal manikins needed for the Veterinary Tech program at the Wylie Campus.

Syndaver is a sole source provider of the simulation manikins and is exempt from competitive bidding per Section 44.031(j) of the Texas Education Code. Reference number 4209 has been issued to track the volume of spend.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Simulation enhances student learning, success, and retention. The experiences offered to our students would not be possible without the opportunities afforded by these specialized manikins. Maintaining these manikins will ensure a longer useful life.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board approved the original contract in December 2019 for a total amount of \$158,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$3,400, which is budgeted in the Health Sciences and Emergency Services departments' FY20 operating budget, as well as the 2017 CIP furniture, fixture, and equipment budget.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The term of the contract is January 31, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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