

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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 Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No:
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Department: Health Services

4/5 Vote Not Required

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Board Date:
11/3/2009

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – State Contract

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute Standard Agreement No. EMS-9047 with the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority for FY 09-10, and any future amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$269,313).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$269,313	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$0
Amount Budgeted	\$269,313	Unanticipated Revenue (Source:)	\$0
Other Available Appropriations (Explain Below)	\$0	Other Transfers (Source:)	\$0
Additional Requested	\$0	Additional Funds Requested	\$0

Explanation (if required): None.

Prior Board Action: 2/10/09 - Approved FY 08-09 Standard Agreement with State EMS Authority.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity for State grant reimbursement for the Regional EMS program in FY 09-10.

Background:

Pursuant to State law, the County of Sonoma Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency is responsible for oversight and regulation of the local EMS system. The Board has designated the Sonoma County Department of Health Services as the local EMS Agency for Sonoma County and authorized agreements for EMS administrative services with Mendocino and Napa Counties. This three-county regional organization is formally known as the Coastal Valleys EMS Agency (Agency). Under State regulation, counties are eligible for grant funding if three or more counties join together and operate as an EMS region. State funding is combined with local funding from Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma Counties to fund the staff positions and supplies necessary for the Agency to conduct regulatory and administrative services for all three counties.

State Standard Agreement No. EMS-9047 provides the FY 09-10 funding for the Coastal Valleys EMS Agency. The Agency has developed goals and objectives consistent with State requirements for local EMS agencies. The regional objectives for the Agency include:

- Ensuring an effective management system to meet the emergency medical needs and expectations of the total population served, including patient treatment protocol documentation.
- Ensuring that personnel functioning within the EMS system are properly trained, licensed, certified, authorized and/or accredited to provide medical care to the public. The Agency provides certification and accreditation of personnel consistent with State law and regulations.
- Developing and maintaining an effective communications system, including the authorization of emergency medical dispatch protocols, participation in county dispatch committees and activities.
- Maintaining an effective EMS response and ambulance transportation system, including monitoring and review of ambulance performance, development of policies and EMS ordinances.
- Identifying appropriate facilities to provide care for ill/injured patients, designation of specialty care centers, i.e. trauma centers, cardiac care centers, and base hospitals.
- Ensuring the disaster and catastrophic preparedness of the EMS system, development of multi-casualty incident plans, and participation in public health preparedness projects.
- Providing for system evaluation through the use of quality data collection and other methods to assess and improve system performance and evaluation of electronic health care record systems and hospital resource systems data.

Each year, Sonoma County establishes agreements with Mendocino and Napa counties to document program requirements, coordination, staffing and funding levels specific to each county’s needs. Last year, the Regional Directors Committee, comprised of the three county health services directors, designated funds for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study to assess the benefits of transitioning the Agency from operating under inter-county contracts to a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) structure. That study is nearing completion and the Department will return to the Board at a future date with the results of the study and its recommendations regarding moving forward with a JPA structure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 09-10 Final Budget includes State EMS award funds of \$269,313. There is no contribution from the General Fund or use of public health realignment funds.

Attachments: None.

On File With Clerk: State EMS Standard Agreement No. EMS-9047.

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Board Action (If other than “Requested”)

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