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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Regional EMS inter-county agreement between Napa and Sonoma Counties.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of revenue Agreement No. 4089 with Sonoma County for a maximum of \$114,718 for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for emergency medical services administration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested action on this revenue agreement will fund a portion of the staff and support for the Regional Emergency Medical Services Agency in Napa County. Funds will also be used for the Electronic Patient Care Information System (EPCIS) Data System contractor, materials, supplies and travel expenses. Napa County qualifies for these funds as a member of the Coastal Valley EMS Agency.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	If the requested action is not approved, Napa County will not receive the \$114,718. If the County is to not receive this funding and still be expected to continue its participation in the Coastal Valley regional partnership on emergency medical services, then other sources of funding will have to be identified.

Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement terminates June 30, 2006.
Consequences if not approved:	Please see above justification for this item.
Additional Information:	None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In 1999, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chair sign an agreement with Sonoma County for the establishment of a regional Emergency Medical Services partnership with the counties of Sonoma and Mendocino. This is the seventh year of Napa County participation in the Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system with the counties of Sonoma and Mendocino (Coastal Valleys EMS Agency). The Napa/Sonoma/Mendocino Regional EMS Agency chose the name "Coastal Valleys EMS" to use when addressing regional EMS issues.

The Regional EMS Plan includes eight objectives:

- | **System Organization and Management:** Develop and maintain an effective management system to meet the emergency medical needs and expectations of the total population served.
- | **Staffing and Training:** Ensure personnel functioning within the EMS System are properly trained, licensed/certified/authorized and/or accredited to safely provide medical care to the public.
- | **Communications:** Develop and maintain an effective communications system that meets the needs of the EMS system.
- | **Transportation:** Develop and maintain an effective EMS response and ambulance transportation system that meets the needs of the population served.
- | **Assessment of Hospitals and Critical Care Centers:** Establish and/or identify appropriate facilities to provide for the standards and care required by a dynamic EMS patient care delivery evaluation.
- | **Data Collection and Evaluation:** Provide for appropriate system evaluation through the use of quality data collection and other methods to improve system performance and evaluation.
- | **Public Information and Education:** Ensure that the population within the jurisdiction of the regional EMS Agency has access to information and public education courses as they relate to emergency medical services.
- | **Disaster Response:** Ensure the preparedness and response of the region's EMS system in the event of a disaster or catastrophic event within the region or in a neighboring jurisdiction.

Napa's inclusion in the regional system has enabled the county to qualify for funding assistance from the State EMS Authority as a regional EMS program. The State EMS Authority contracts with Sonoma County as the "lead" County. Sonoma County has an agreement with Napa and Mendocino Counties for functions delegated to Sonoma and compensation for those services. Sonoma County will contract with a primary Regional Medical Director and two Deputy Medical Directors. The Deputy Medical Directors are contracted at eight hours per week, and one of the Deputy Medical Directors is assigned to Napa County. Ongoing regional projects include the following:

- | Standardized certification/reciprocal accreditation for EMS personnel within the region.
- | Continued oversight of Regional Trauma System.
- | Enhancement of disaster medical capabilities in the region.
- | Continued oversight and approval for continuing education and training programs.
- | Continued staff support to the Regional Medical Advisory Committee (MAC).

The revenue agreement under consideration today will fund a portion of the staff and support for the Regional Emergency Medical Services Agency in Napa County. The primary objectives of the regional grant proposal have been designed to address the following issues identified by the Regional EMS Agency:

- | Maintain compliance with all applicable State EMS Authority requirements and regulations for a Regional EMS Agency.
- | Participate in the Regional EMS Website Development for the pre-hospital automated data collections system.
- | Establish a regional approach to EMS Aircraft utilization.
- | Establish a regional Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee.
- | Standardize regional policies, procedures and protocols.
- | Trauma Center performance site review.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita