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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
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SUBJECT: Actions regarding Medical Cache Trailers and Ambulance Franchise amendments

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following agreements:

1. Joint Powers Agreement for the maintenance and use of the three Medical Cache Trailers by the County of Napa, the Cities of Calistoga, Napa, and St. Helena, and the American Canyon Fire Protection District (the Participating Jurisdictions) for the term beginning on January 1, 2006 and terminating when terminated by the County or by all Participating Jurisdictions except the County;
2. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 4296 with Napa Ambulance Service, Inc., dba Piner's, for Exclusive Operating Area 2 ("EOA 2"), providing for restocking of the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Medical Cache Trailer and for non-exclusivity of the ambulance franchise in the event of certain work stoppages; and
3. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6172 with Napa Ambulance Service, Inc., dba Piner's, for Exclusive Operating Area 1 ("EOA 1"), providing for restocking of the ALS Medical Cache Trailer and for non-exclusivity of the ambulance franchise in the event of certain work stoppages.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Homeland Security Grant enabled the County to purchase three Medical Cache Trailers, two for Basic Life Support (BLS) and one for Advanced Life Support (ALS). Each Medical Cache Trailer has supplies for the triage and treatment of approximately 50 patients.

The Joint Powers Agreement and the amendments to the agreements with Piner's provide for the maintenance and use of the Medical Cache Trailers by each of the signatories. The amendments to the Piner's agreements additionally provide that the ambulance franchises will become temporarily non-exclusive in the event of certain work stoppages.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Emergency Services (Homeland Security Grant) - \$12,100 for the purchase of trailers. Public Health (CDC and HRSA Grants) - \$33,500 for medical supplies stored in trailers.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Failure to approve this item will require the County to develop an alternative plan to attend to an increased number of patients in the event of a major disaster. Funds were provided through the Homeland Security grant for the purchase of these trailers and through the Centers for Disease Control and Health Resource Services Administration grants for the initial stocking of supplies. Annual fees provided by the Participating Jurisdictions other than the County will fund a Major Repair Fund to cover any repairs that cost more than the routine maintenance amount for which the Participating Jurisdiction storing the trailer is agreeing to be responsible. If the repair fund does not contain sufficient funds for repair or replacement of a trailer, the County has the option to amend the agreement to require the Participating Jurisdictions to fund the additional costs, take the trailer out of service, or pay for the repairs or replacement itself. Restocking of used or outdated items will be at the expense of the participating jurisdictions, not the County.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	County will be required to maintain and administer a "Major Repair" fund that is paid into annually by participating jurisdictions.
Consequences if not approved:	An alternative plan will need to be developed for the storage of these items.
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

The Napa County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system is multidisciplinary in nature and requires careful coordination of all resources. Agencies and providers include, but are not limited to, emergency communications, first responders (law and fire), ambulance providers (air and ground), receiving hospitals, trauma centers, and EMS Agency staff and Medical Directors.

The Multi-Casualty Incident Medical Response Plan (MCI Plan) is activated in the event that an incident has occurred in which the number of serious casualties is expected to overwhelm the ambulance and/or hospital acute care facilities of the affected ambulance zone. The MCI Plan utilizes the Incident Command System (ICS). The S.T.A.R.T. Method of Triage is used to place injured patients into one of the following categories: Minor, Delayed, Immediate, and Deceased. The Medical Cache Trailers that are the subject of these agenda actions may be activated under the MCI plan following the determination that the conditions warrant the dispatch.

The Medical Cache Trailers were purchased through the Homeland Security Grant Program. The supplies were purchased through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant Programs. The cost of storage, transportation and routine maintenance will be borne by the Participating Jurisdiction storing the Medical Cache Trailer under the proposed Joint Powers Agreement. The cost of major repairs will be handled through a Major Repair Fund funded with annual fees from the Participating Jurisdictions as provided by the proposed Joint Powers Agreement. If the Repair Fund does not contain sufficient funds for the repair or replacement of a trailer, the County has the option to amend the agreement to require the Participating Jurisdictions to fund the additional costs, take the trailer out of service, or pay for the repairs or replacement itself.

The medical cache supplies include the following items: blankets, disposable sheets, foot coverings, gloves, masks, backboards, backboard straps, IV angiocaths for the Advanced Life Support (ALS) cache, LSP minilator (constant flow device to provide oxygen for up to five people simultaneously), and miscellaneous ALS supplies. Each cache has supplies for triage and treatment of approximately 50 patients. The approximate costs of the contents of the trailers are \$10,000 each for the Basic Life Support (BLS) Trailers and \$13,500 for the ALS Trailer.

The medical caches may be used for field triage and treatment and for increasing capacity at the hospitals and clinics. One BLS trailer will be stored in the North area of the County at the Napa County Fire/CDF Fire Station and one BLS trailer will be stored in the South area of the County at the American Canyon Fire Protection District. The ALS cache will be stored at the City of Napa Fire Department.

Napa Ambulance Service, Inc., dba Piner's, will be responsible for rotating and restocking the date-sensitive supplies located in the ALS trailer, as provided in the proposed amendments to Piner's ambulance franchise agreements for Exclusive Operating Areas (EOA) 1 and 2. The proposed amendments to these Piner's ambulance franchise agreements also include provisions to temporarily convert the exclusive ambulance franchises into non-exclusive franchises if the company experiences work stoppages that the County Public Health Officer determines may create a health emergency.

The Cities of Calistoga, St. Helena, Napa and American Canyon have signed the proposed Joint Powers Agreement.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita