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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 \$66,972 for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 for emergency medical services administration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested action will allow HHS to receive revenue for Emergency Medical Services administration that will fund a portion of the existing EMS Specialist position.

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:	This action is discretionary in that we are not mandated to accept funding. However, this revenue will fund a portion of the EMS Specialist position.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement terminates June 30, 2007.
Consequences if not approved:	If the requested action is not approved, Napa County will not receive \$66,972 in EMS funding from the State. If the County does not receive this funding and wishes to continue participation in the Coastal Valleys regional partnership,

other revenue sources will have to be identified.

Additional Information: Sonoma County does not charge any administrative costs for serving as the fiscal agent under this agreement. Sonoma County has always felt it was better to spend all available funds on direct costs, i.e. salary/benefits and service/supplies.

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 to sign an agreement with Sonoma County for the establishment of a regional Emergency Medical Services partnership with Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. This is the eighth year of Napa County participation in the Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system ("Coastal Valleys EMS Agency").

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. Sonoma County then passes on a share of the State's EMS funding to Napa and Mendocino counties. Approval of today's recommended action will enable Napa County to receive \$66,972 in State EMS funding to fund a portion of an existing 1.0 FTE EMS Specialist position.

Under this revenue agreement, Sonoma County will contract with a primary Regional Medical Director and two Deputy Medical Directors. The Deputy Medical Directors are contracted at seven hours per week. One of the Deputy Medical Directors is assigned to Napa County.

The Regional EMS Plan required by the State EMS Authority includes eight components:

- 1 System Organization and Management: Develop and maintain an effective management system to meet the emergency medical needs and expectations of the total population served.
- 1 Staffing and Training: Ensure that personnel functioning within the EMS System are properly trained, licensed/certified/authorized and/or accredited to safely provide medical care to the public.
- 1 Communications: Develop and maintain an effective communications system that meets the needs of the EMS system.
- 1 Transportation: Develop and maintain an effective EMS response and ambulance transportation system that meets the needs of the population served.
- 1 Assessment of Hospitals and Critical Care Centers: Establish and/or identify appropriate facilities to provide for the standards of care as required by the region. A dynamic EMS patient care delivery evaluation by a Trauma Audit Committee is performed. This evaluation for trauma centers includes trauma design and designation, a trauma audit of calls, triage and transfer protocols.
- 1 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.
- 1 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.

The Coastal Valley's EMS Regional components for FY 2006-07:

- | 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 prehospital automated data collections system.
- | Establish a regional approach to EMS aircraft utilization.
- | Establish a regional Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee.
- | Conduct Trauma Center performance site review.

Ongoing regional projects include:

- | 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 of continuing education and training programs.
- | Standardization of regional policies, procedures, and protocols.
- | Continued staff support to the Regional Medical Advisory Committee (MAC).

State EMS components are required to be addressed in EMS plans that are submitted to the State annually. The components address minimum standards, recommended guidelines, short and long term plans of EMS agencies. In addition, the Regional EMS Agency develops objectives each fiscal year that identify priority projects, policy development and system enhancements for the three-County region.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita