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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health & Human Services

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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Inc. (Emergency Medical Services Base Hospital)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign the renewal of Revenue Agreement No. 7135 with Queen of the Valley Medical Center (QVMC) for an annual maximum of \$21,787 for the term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, designating QVMC as a base hospital to provide medical control and direction to advanced life support (ALS) pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services units, and providing for QVMC to reimburse the County for the staff time required to work with QVMC as a base hospital.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended renewal agreement with Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Inc. (QVMC) will enable QVMC to continue to provide medical control and direction to Advanced Life Support (ALS) pre-hospital Emergency Services units, and provide for QVMC to reimburse the County for staff time required to work with QVMC as a base hospital.

QVMC is a local vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Public Health

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to contract with this provider, however, base hospital services are mandated by Health & Safety Code Section 1798.100. Approval will enable Queen of the Valley Medical Center (QVMC) to serve as a base hospital, and the County to be reimbursed for Public Health staff time required to work with QVMC.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The revenue has been included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 approved budget, and will be included in Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 requested budgets.
Consequences if not approved:	If the agreement is not approved, Queen of the Valley Medical Center will not be able to provide needed medical control and services to EMS field units. As well, the County will not be reimbursed for Health and Human Service Agency Public Health Division's staff time spent working with QVMC on the provision of these services
Additional Information:	

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 Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Division, which serves as the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency, has selected the Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Inc. (QVMC) to operate as a base hospital serving the EMS system in Napa County. Currently, QVMC provides medical control for the City of Napa Fire Department and AMR Ambulance - EMS personnel. The next closest hospital authorized to provide medical control for ALS personnel is located in Santa Rosa. Furthermore, QVMC is a receiving hospital, a STEMI receiving hospital (a receiving hospital with a cardiac catheterization lab) and a Level III trauma center. QVMC is the only hospital in the County designated to provide on-line emergency room physician consultation to pre-hospital field personnel.

A base hospital provides medical control in accordance with the Health and Safety Code and local EMS policies and procedures. The recommended base hospital agreement specifies the qualifications and responsibilities of the hospital, medical director and pre-hospital liaison nurse. The base hospital's responsibilities include maintaining a basic emergency medical service, staffing its emergency department in conformance with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, and designating a physician to serve as Medical Director. The emergency department must have trained emergency department physicians to provide online medical control and direction to advanced life support (ALS) pre-hospital personnel in accordance with State and local laws and regulations and EMS policies and procedures.

Approval of the recommended renewal agreement will provide for QVMC, as a base hospital, to continue:
1) providing physician's directions and medical control directly to field personnel; 2) coordinating and

providing continuing education programs; and 3) ensuring the maintenance of tapes of field calls and pre-hospital written records. QVMC's physicians and pre-hospital liaison nurse will also attend and participate in the Napa County Emergency Medical Care Committee's (EMCC) meetings, County CQI (formerly Base QA) and other appropriate EMS-related meetings on a regular basis.

Additionally, approval of the recommended agreement will require QVMC to pay a fee to the County to compensate the local EMS Agency for staff time required to work with the hospital. As the local EMS Agency, HHSA's Public Health Division: 1) provides quality assurance; 2) participates in audits; 3) reviews trauma and aircraft calls; 4) works with the hospital and providers on operational issues regarding concerns in the field; and 5) acts as liaison between hospital and EMS aircraft providers.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins