

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency/
Department of Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 27, 2003

SUBJECT: Approve First Amendment to the Master Ambulance Agreement with American Medical Response (AMR) for emergency ambulance service. DPH99K.066

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the Amendment to extend the agreement between American Medical Response and the County of Riverside, Community Health Agency, Emergency Medical Services Agency for six (6) months in the amount of \$311,000 for the period of July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairperson of the Board to execute the four (4) originals of the Amendment; and
- 3) Direct the Clerk of the Board to file one (1) original of said document, and return three (3) executed originals of the Amendment to the Community Health Agency Contracts Administration for final processing.

BACKGROUND: In September 1998, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the Master Ambulance Agreement with American Medical Response (AMR). In the November 14, 2002 Agenda Item 3.4, the BOS directed staff to renegotiate the contract with AMR. To this end, the Board established a task force to review Emergency Medical Services (EMS) issues, County Grand Jury's recommendations, and to establish parameters for renegotiation of the contract.

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FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST: \$ 0
NET COUNTY COST: \$ 0

ANNUAL COST: \$ 311,000
IN CURRENT BUDGET: Yes
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: No for FY 02/03

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Joint financial/ budgetary responsibility of Public Health, MISP, and Mental Health as specified in the Financial Data.

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS:

APPROVE

County Executive Officer Signature: _____

Roger Umstead

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COUNTY COUNSEL

JUN 04 2003

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

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BACKGROUND CONTINUED:

The task force which includes the County Fire Chief, BOS designees, a City Manager representative, City Fire Chief representatives, and Community Health Agency EMS staff, has met eight times. A subcommittee has been formed to address Mental Health Issues. The task force commissioned an audit to determine the reasonableness of costs submitted by AMR in relation to industry standards, including: direct costs, overhead rates, and profit margin. The audit is expected to be completed by June 30, 2003. The task force will then recommend parameters for contract negotiations and staff will begin those negotiations with AMR. We estimate the negotiation period to be approximately three months, due to the complexity of the agreement.

The Community Health Agency is requesting a six-month extension to allow the task force to complete their findings, and the negotiation of a new contract with AMR.

FINANCIAL DATA:

This agreement is a joint effort of the Public Health EMS Agency, Medically Indigent Services Program (MISP), and Mental Health. Accordingly, the agreement will be administered financially by each respective department's budget. Public Health Management will manage the overall agreement operationally.

The six month Public Health share of cost is \$220,500 and MISP is \$45,500 for the transport of indigent patients, and Mental Health has budgeted to disburse to AMR \$45,000 for the transport of persons in need of a mental health evaluation ("5150" field calls).

Public Health, MISP, and Mental Health will submit over the life of the agreement the necessary budget amounts to conform to contract terms and conditions in accordance with County budget requirements.

