

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



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FROM: Community Health Agency/Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:

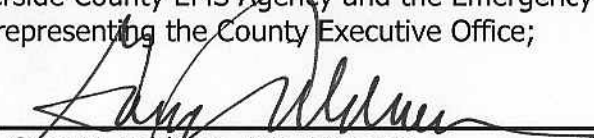
SUBJECT: Emergency Department Wait Time Study: Report and Recommendations

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive and File

BACKGROUND: On June 18, 2002 agenda number 3.72 the Board of Supervisors directed staff to study Emergency Department (ED) wait times and overcrowding. Staff was also directed to utilize the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) as an advisory group for the study. In July 2002 a steering committee was formed of representatives from stakeholders in order to make recommendations and address this directive.

Departmental Concurrence

The task members included: Peter Hubbard of American Medical Response (AMR) representing the Riverside County Ambulance Association and EMCC; Chief Mike Warren of Corona Fire Department representing the Riverside County Fire Chiefs' Association and EMCC; Wendy Kolk representing Supervisor Buster; Kenneth Nickson, MD representing the Riverside County Medical Association and EMCC; Mark Gamble representing the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) and EMCC; Stan Grube representing EMCC; Michael Osur representing Community Health Agency (CHA) and Riverside County EMS Agency; Humberto Ochoa, MD representing Riverside County EMS Agency and the Emergency Department Directors' Advisory Committee; Rodger Uminski representing the County Executive Office;
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 Gary M. Feldman, MD, Director
 Community Health Agency

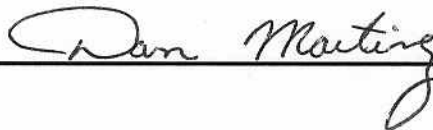
FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature



Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.72 DATE 06-18-02
2.11 DATE 07-30-02

District: All

Agenda Number:

3.15

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Margaret Szczepaniak representing CHA and the Department of Public Health (DOPH); and Gary Feldman, MD representing CHA and DOPH.

The Abaris Group was commissioned by the steering committee, and funded by CHA, HASC and AMR, to study and make recommendations to alleviate ED overcrowding and wait times in Riverside County. The report found that while every hospital has taken some actions to alleviate ED overcrowding and wait times, none of the hospitals has implemented all of the recommendations detailed on pages 28–30 of the attached report.

The Abaris Group's report was presented to EMCC and HASC on January 7, 2004. The report recommends holding a "Summit" with chief executive officers and administrators from hospitals throughout Riverside County. The key purpose of the Summit will be to discuss the steps necessary to implement recommendations and changes suggested in the report. The Community Health Agency and the steering committee have set a goal to complete a Summit Workshop within 60 days. CHA will provide the Board of Supervisors periodic updates on the progress made in reducing ED overcrowding and wait times in Riverside County.

Attachment