

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

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FROM: Department of Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Receive and File Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Evaluation Update

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisor's receives and files the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Evaluation Update

BACKGROUND:

The comprehensive evaluation of the County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system is ongoing. This evaluation will provide the EMS Agency and the Executive Office with recommendations for improving the EMS system including the County's master ambulance service agreement. The Abaris group has been contracted to perform the evaluation and develop recommendations for the new EMS plan. Recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by March 2014.

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Susan D. Harrington

Susan Harrington, Director
Department of Public Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	12/13

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

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Consent
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Prev. Agn. Ref.: 2/26/13 2-15;
3/26/13 2-4; 4/23/13 2-11, 5/21/13
2-7, 6/25/13 2-3, 7/30/13 2-19

District: All/All

Agenda Number:

2-19

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

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Background continued:

Activities already conducted by the Abaris Group include the following:

1. "As Is" presentations on the current EMS system to the broad stakeholder groups during meetings on July 10, 2013 in Temecula and Riverside and on July 11, 2013 in Palm Desert and Banning.
2. A summary of the feedback received during the broad stakeholder group meetings held on July 10 and July 11, 2013 was delivered to the EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee on July 25, 2013.
3. The EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee provided additional guidance to Abaris for finalizing the "as is" written document. The draft of the final report will be provided to the EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee in August.

Current activities being conducted by the Abaris Group include the following:

1. Development of the recommendations for improvement of the EMS system. Recommendations will include any gaps that have been identified through the evaluation outlined in the "As Is" report as well as best practice recommendations.
2. System improvement options will be evaluated relative to the goal of optimizing service delivery, patient care, value and cost effectiveness.

The project timeline remains as follows:

- January-May 2013 – conduct stakeholder interviews and complete the "as is" assessment of the current system.
- May-August 2013 – complete the "as is" written report, system financing assessment and develop preliminary system improvement recommendations.
- August-October 2013 – develop options for the EMS transportation plan and ambulance contract scope of work.
- October-December 2013 – refine and finalize system improvement recommendations.
- December 2013-February 2014 – draft proposed updates to the EMS plan.
- March 2014 – present evaluation findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
- June 2014 – receive direction from the Board of Supervisors and notice the current contracted ambulance provider.
- July 2014 – June 2015 – finalize project and begin implementation of the new EMS plan.

Information related to the EMS system evaluation will continue to be posted and updated on the EMS Agency website at rivcoems.org.