

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

Background continued:

2. In December 2012, written communications were sent to all EMS system stakeholders outlining the approach to the evaluation process and establishing points of contact for the advisory steering committee, broad stakeholders group, key informant interviews and stakeholder focus groups.
3. In December 2012, a folder was established in the EMS Agency webpage (rivcoems.org) that will provide public access to documents developed during the evaluation process.
4. In December 2012 and early January 2013, advisory steering committee members were identified and notified.
5. January 17, 2013 was the first EMS system evaluation advisory steering committee meeting.

The Abaris group has completed a project plan. Multiple meeting sites have been secured to begin broad stakeholder group meetings throughout the County. The Abaris group is currently working directly with stakeholders requesting EMS system information. Abaris is also scheduling focus group meetings and key informant interviews in order to be inclusive, transparent and to obtain broad input.

The project is on time and on target to provide system improvement recommendations to the Board of Supervisors by March 2014. The Department will provide a monthly updates to the Board of Supervisors. The next update is scheduled for February 26, 2013.