

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

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**FROM:** Department of Public Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
October 9, 2013

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

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors receives and files the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Evaluation Update.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

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

**Background continued on next page:**

*Sarah Mack, Deputy Director*  
for Susan Harington, Director  
Department of Public Health

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A				<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> N/A	
				<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 2013/14	

**APPROVE**

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*  
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 22, 2013  
xc: Public Health

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board

By: *[Signature]*  
Deputy

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- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

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

**FORM 11: Receive and File Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Evaluation Update**

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

Activities already conducted by the Abaris Group include the following:

1. The final "As Is" report, on the current design and function of the EMS system has been completed. The report was approved by the EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee on October 3, 2013 and is now posted on the REMSA website.
2. The following activities also occurred at the EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee meeting on October 3, 2013.
  - A second draft of EMS system improvement recommendations was presented and discussed. The Abaris Group began a detailed vetting process with the committee by discussing each of the recommendations and soliciting feedback from committee members.
  - A Financial Analysis on current and projected ambulance contract revenue was presented followed by discussion, questions and answers.
  - Requirements and options for design of the EMS Transportation Plan, ambulance exclusive operating areas (EOAs) and State approval of the County EMS Plan were reviewed and discussed.

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

1. Continued development of EMS system improvement recommendations.
2. Continued development of the EMS system financial analysis relative to cost of proposed EMS system enhancements and projected changes in EMS reimbursement.
3. Development of a scope of work for the County master ambulance service agreement.
4. Prepare documents and deliverables for the next EMS System Evaluation Steering Committee meeting that is scheduled for October 31, 2013.

There have been no modifications to the remainder of the project timeline which remains as follows:

- May-August 2013 – complete the 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](http://rivcoems.org).