



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
 Date: February 9, 2016

Subject: Contract Amendment for Fire District Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Physician Oversight

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Peter Benson, M.D. to extend the term from May 1, 2016 to May 1, 2017, and increase the payment limit by \$163,800 to a new payment limit of \$281,400 to continue physician oversight of fire-based emergency medical services programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$163,800: 100% Special District Revenue; Budgeted in FY 2015-16 (General Operating Fund); Budgeted in FY 2016-17 (EMS Transport Fund)

BACKGROUND:

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) entered into a contract with Peter Benson, M.D. on May 1, 2014, to provide physician oversight for the District's fire-based emergency medical services (EMS) programs. Among other key roles, this included input into the development of a proposal to become Contra Costa County's provider of emergency ambulance services in Emergency Response Areas 1, 2, and 5. The District was subsequently awarded the emergency ambulance services contract by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors effective January 1, 2016.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/09/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: Candace Andersen,
 Director
 Mary N. Piepho, Director
 Karen Mitchoff, Director
 Federal D. Glover, Director

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 9, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

ABSENT: John Gioia, Director

Contact: Bob Atlas, (925)
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By: June McHuen, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services Agency (CCCEMSA) for emergency ambulance services requires that the contractor (District) retain a California licensed physician as its chief medical advisor to enforce internal standards of excellence in medical care and serve as the primary liaison between the contractor and the CCCEMSA. Dr. Benson is currently fulfilling that requirement for the District.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District will not continue to have internal physician oversight of its emergency ambulance transport or other EMS programs.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approximately 10% of emergency medical service responses involve children under the age of 15.

CLERK'S ADDENDUM

Corrected to Read: APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Peter Benson, M.D. to extend the term from May 1, 2016 to ~~May 1~~, April 30 2017, and increase the payment limit by \$163,800 to a new payment limit of \$281,400 to continue physician oversight of fire-based emergency medical services programs within the District. (100% District revenue)