



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Date: April 18, 2017

Subject: Contract for Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Physician Oversight

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute a contract with Peter Benson, M.D., for the period May 1, 2017, through April 30, 2020, with a payment limit not to exceed \$360,000, for physician oversight of emergency ambulance and fire-based emergency medical first responder services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$120,000 annually or \$360,000 over a three-year period. Funds are budgeted in the EMS Transport Fund (fund 204000) in the current fiscal year and in the recommended budget for fiscal year 2017-18.

BACKGROUND:

The terms and conditions of the Emergency Ambulance Services Contract between the Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services Agency (CCCEMSA) and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) require that the Contractor (District) retain a California licensed physician as its chief medical adviser to enforce internal standards of excellence in medical care and serve as a liaison between the District, CCCEMSA, and AMR.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/18/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, Director
Diane Burgis, Director
Karen Mitchoff, Director
Federal D. Glover,
Director

ABSENT: Candace Andersen, Director

Contact: Terry Carey, EMS Assistant
Chief 925-941-3504

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: April 18, 2017

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

The District has been working with Peter Benson, M.D. since May

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

2014, to provide physician oversight for the District's fire-based emergency medical services (EMS) program and to provide critical input into the development of a proposal to become the County's successful bidder for emergency ambulance services in Emergency Response Areas 1, 2, and 5.

The District has now been providing emergency ambulance services within Contra Costa County since January 1, 2016. Dr. Benson's current contract expires on April 30, 2017.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The terms and conditions of the Emergency Ambulance Services Contract between CCCEMSA and the District require that the Contractor (District) retain a California licensed physician as its chief medical adviser.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

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