



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 12/16/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
Contact Info: Nancy Lapolla, MPH
Emergency Medical Services Director (681-5264)

SUBJECT: Base Hospital / Receiving Hospital Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: [X] Yes [] No [] N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: [X] Yes [] No [] N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: [X] Yes [] No [] N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the renewal of Base Hospital / Receiving Hospital (BH/RN) agreements with five hospitals in Santa Barbara County, as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute agreement with Marian Medical Center to continue to be designated as a Base Hospital / Receiving Hospital and to continue to provide medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care and to receive patients through the emergency medical services system for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and to renew from year to each January 1, for an additional year unless cancelled by either party.
b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute agreement with Lompoc Valley Medical Center to continue to be designated as a Base Hospital / Receiving Hospital and to continue to provide medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care and to receive patients through the emergency medical services system for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and to renew from year to each January 1, for an additional year unless cancelled by either party.
c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute agreement with Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital to continue to be designated as a Base Hospital / Receiving Hospital and to continue to provide medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care and to receive patients through the emergency medical services system for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and to renew from year to each January 1, for an additional year unless cancelled by either party.

- d) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute agreement with Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital to continue to be designated as a Base Hospital / Receiving Hospital and to continue to provide medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care and to receive patients through the emergency medical services system for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and to renew from year to each January 1, for an additional year unless cancelled by either party.
- e) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to continue to be designated as a Base Hospital / Receiving Hospital and to continue to provide medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care and to receive patients through the emergency medical services system for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and to renew from year to each January 1, for an additional year unless cancelled by either party.

Summary Text:

Division 2.5, Section 1798.100, of the Health and Safety Code gives the County Emergency Medical Services Agency the authority to designate and contract with hospitals. Sections 1798.101 through 1798.105 describes the hospitals responsibilities to provide quality medical care and treatment to patients and supervision and medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care personnel, within its area of jurisdiction, as either a Base Hospital or Receiving Hospital. All hospitals or other entities so designated and contracted with as Base Hospitals shall provide medical direction of prehospital emergency medical care provided for the area defined by the local EMS Agency in accordance with policies and procedures established by the local EMS Agency and approved by the Medical Director of the Agency pursuant to Sections 1797.220 and 1798. A Base Hospital is defined as a hospital that is designated by the EMS Agency to provide medical control through protocol or direct voice communication with paramedics in the field and provide medical direction and transport instructions. A Receiving Hospital is a facility designated by the EMS Agency to receive emergency patients from the field but is not responsible for medical control and does not provide medical direction to paramedics in the field. Currently all hospitals in the county are designated as Base Hospitals.

Background:

In 1988 the County of Santa Barbara and its Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS) entered into written agreements with all local hospitals authorizing them as Base Hospitals. This agreement included annual renewals and at this time the County EMS Agency desires to amend, upgrade and improve this essential agreement to meet current standards and requirements.

This agreement authorizes all county hospitals to receive emergency ambulance patients and requires hospital compliance to certain minimum standards for prehospital medical direction including but not limited to; physician training and hospital orientation of emergency department employees, direct radio communication to paramedics in the field, continuing education and ongoing training and proficiency monitoring of paramedic (EMT-P) personnel and participation in EMS Quality Improvement committees.

Performance Measure:

- BH/RH shall provide for monthly Base Station educational meetings to include didactic lecture and field tape reviews;
- BH/RH shall provide an annual educational skills refresher for Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel;

- Comply with all EMS Agency policies and procedures (EMS Agency Policy & Procedure Manual is available on the EMS Agency website and a hard copy is located in the Hospital Emergency Department);
- Maintain licensure with the State Department of Health Services as a general acute care hospital;
- Provide Emergency Department staff orientation on current EMS system policies and issues;
- Assist the EMS Medical Director in the collection of statistics and review of necessary records for program evaluation and compliance;
- Maintain all pre-hospital data in a manner consistent with hospital data requirements and provide that the data be integrated with the patient's chart;
- Have the capability to provide medical control through voice communication with field ambulances;
- Assure that a Base Hospital Physician is available for each Advanced Life Support ("ALS") call by radio or telephone;
- Designate a BH/RH Coordinator (Paramedic Liaison Nurse) who will serve on various EMS committees related to pre-hospital care;
- Designate a BH/RH Medical Director who shall be a physician on the hospital staff, licensed by the State of California and have experience in emergency medical care.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No.

Fiscal Analysis:

This proposed action is for the renewal of Base Hospital/Receiving Hospital agreements. There is no fiscal impact to the Public Health Department or the County's General Fund resources as a result of executing these agreements.

This action will not result in the need for additional facilities.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please return an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org. Please return 1 of 2 originals for each of the 5 Hospital Agreements to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attachments:

Marian Medical Center Agreement
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Agreement
Goleta Valle Cottage Hospital Agreement
San Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Agreement
Lompoc Valley Medical Center Agreement

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