



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: 03-20-07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** **Advanced Life Support Agreement with the Regents of University of California**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider recommendations regarding the agreement for ambulance transport services with the Regents of University of California (UCSB), as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with UCSB to provide advanced life support ambulance services within its district and surrounding County areas (Emergency Medical Services Zone 52 West). This agreement is to commence when fully executed by both parties and shall terminate at midnight on December 31, 2011, unless terminated earlier or extended pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
  
- b) Authorize the Santa Barbara County Public Health Director to approve no more than two, three-year extensions to this agreement based upon a positive recommendation of the EMS Agency Contract Compliance Committee.

**Summary Text:**

Division 2.5, Section 1797.218, of the Health and Safety Code, gives the local County Emergency Medical Services Agency the authority to “*authorize an advanced life support or limited advanced life support program which provides services utilizing EMT-II or EMT-P, or both, for the delivery of emergency medical care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport to a general acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, while in the emergency department of a general acute care*”

*hospital until care responsibility is assumed by the regular staff of that hospital, and during training within the facilities of a participating general acute care hospital".* Additionally, Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.178 and 1797.252 require providers of advanced life support to be "authorized" by the local EMS Agency.

Furthermore, the recent contract between American Medical Response (AMR) and the County of Santa Barbara allows subcontracting of specific areas within the county on the condition that the subcontractor has an agreement with the County. By approving this agreement, AMR and UCSB may move forward with a subcontract, which will formally provide a means for UCSB to respond to the community of Isla Vista and surrounding County areas (EMS Zone 52 W). UCSB has been providing services to Isla Vista and the surrounding County areas under a verbal, mutual aid agreement.

**Background:**

UCSB has provided basic life support ambulance transportation services since 1972 and advanced life support ambulance services since 1976 for the UCSB campus, Isla Vista, and surrounding county areas. In approving this agreement, the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency will have met the recommended State EMS Authority requirements to have a written agreement with all advanced life support providers

**Performance Measure:**

- Provide prehospital Advanced Life Support emergency medical care and transport services in response to emergency medical 9-1-1 calls twenty-four (24) hours each day, seven days a week, 365 days per year without regard to the patient's financial status within Zone 52 W of Service Area 1 and as requested through mutual aid;
- Have a response time to Code 3 emergency calls within 8 minutes ninety percent (90%) of the time; have a response time to Code 2 emergency calls within 15 minutes ninety percent (90%) of the time.

The EMS Agency Contract Compliance Committee will review UCSB's performance and recommend any future contract extensions. The attached Agreement with UCSB includes a Statement of Work that details the scope of services provided and how UCSB will meet the EMS Agency Policies and Procedures and follow Medical Control requirements as outlined in Health and Safety Code Section 1797.176.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

All costs for advanced life support ambulance transportation services will be borne by UCSB. There is no financial impact to the Public Health Department, nor any increase in the use of the County's General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

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 three of the four fully executed contracts along with a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **ATTN: Margaret A. Granger (805) 681 5367.**

**Attachments:**

Advanced Life Support Agreement

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