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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Held Remotely Via Zoom

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The mission of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District is to provide professional and compassionate protection, education and service to our community.

The Governor has declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19 (aka the "Coronavirus"). The Governor issued Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20, which directs Californians to follow public health directives including canceling large gatherings. The Executive Order also allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via conference calls while still satisfying state transparency requirements.

The Governor has also issued Executive Order N-33-20, prohibiting people from leaving their homes or places of residence except to access necessary supplies and services or to engage in specified critical infrastructure employment.

The Public's health and well-being are the top priority for the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District and you are urged to take all appropriate health safety precautions. To facilitate this process, the meeting of the Board will be available via Zoom at the phone number listed above. If you prefer viewing the meeting via the Zoom Application, please contact Board Clerk Penilla via email at the address listed below.

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The Board will convene in open session at 6:00 p.m.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

METRO CABLE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Open Session Meeting is videotaped for cablecast on Metro Cable 14. Replay on Sunday, August 16th at 9:00 am and Monday, August 17th at 6:00 pm on Channel 14; Webcast at www.sacmetrocable.tv.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON AGENDA

The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District appreciates and encourages public interest and welcomes questions and opinions at its meetings. Public members desiring to address the Board are requested to first be recognized by the presiding officer and identify themselves for the record. The presiding officer may in the interest of time and good order limit the number of public member presentations. Speakers' comments will be limited to three minutes (Per Section 31 of the Board of Directors Policies and Procedures).

In accordance with Section 31 of the Board of Directors Policies and Procedures, members of the Public requesting their written comments be read into the meeting record must be present or have a representative present to read their comments during the time allotted.

CONSENT ITEMS

Matters of routine approval including but not limited to action summary minutes, referral of issues to committee, committee referrals to the full Board, items that require yearly approval, declaration of surplus equipment, and other consent matters. Consent Agenda is acted upon as one unit unless a Board member requests separate discussion and/or action.

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CONSENT ITEMS

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| 1. Action Summary Minutes | 5 |
| Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of July 23, 2020. | |
| 2. Surplus Equipment – Information Technology Division | 9 |
| Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the designation and disposal of surplus IT equipment. | |

PRESENTATION ITEMS

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| 1. UC Davis Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program
(Assistant Chief Law, Dr. Mackey and Dr. Maynard) | * |
| Recommendation: Receive presentation, no action required. | |

ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare Pilot Project – MOU Approval
(Chief Harms and Captain Perryman) | 12 |
| Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Chief to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Mobile Integrated Healthcare pilot project. | |



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2. SCERS – Extension of Medical Coverage Benefit Program 32

(*Deputy Chief Casentini*)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution with the proposed medical benefit premium subsidy at the established monthly amount.

REPORTS

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT—(*President Sheetz*)

2. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(*Chief Harms*)

OPERATIONS' REPORT – (*Deputy Chief Bridge*)

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT

4. COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

All Committee Meetings will be held at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Board Room, 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, California unless otherwise specified.

- A. Executive Committee – (*President Sheetz*)

Next Meeting: TBD

- B. Communications Center JPA – (*DC Shannon*)

Next Meeting: August 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM

- C. California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (*DC Shannon*)

Next Meeting: September 17, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

- D. Finance and Audit Committee – (*Director Orzalli*)

Next Meeting: August 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM

- E. Policy Committee – (*Director Goold*)

Next Meeting: TBD

CLOSED SESSION

1. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: One case

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): Two cases

- A. Claim Against Public Entity Pursuant to Government Code Section 910
Leslie White III v. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Deputy Chief Casentini

- B. Claim Against Public Entity Pursuant to Government Code Section 910
Laurie White v. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Deputy Chief Casentini



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BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT BOARD MEETING(S):

Unless specified differently, all meetings of the Board are held at Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, CA

- Next Board Meeting – August 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM

The following action and presentation items are scheduled for the next board meeting agenda. Board members are requested to identify additional action or presentation items they desire to be scheduled on the agenda.

ANTICIPATED AGENDA ITEMS: TBD

Posted on August 10, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Penilla".

Melissa Penilla, Clerk of the Board

* No written report

** PDF Separate Attachment

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT Thursday, July 23, 2020 Held Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Sheetz. Board members present: Clark, Goold, Jones, Kelly, Orzalli, Sailors, Sheetz, White, and Wood. Board members absent: None. Staff present: Chief Harms and Clerk Penilla.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT ITEMS

Prior to hearing questions for the consent calendar, President Sheetz announced Consent Item #2, the Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program would be moved to the action calendar.

Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Action Summary Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of July 9, 2020.

Action: Approved Action Summary Minutes.

2. Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement for the FEPP Program.

Action: No action taken, moved to action calendar.

3. Special Fire Tax – Sloughhouse/Rancho Murieta Area

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Assessor to incorporate the \$100 per parcel Special Fire Tax for the Sloughhouse/Rancho Murieta area with the 2020/21 Sacramento County property tax levy.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2020-037.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement for the FEPP Program.

Action: On a motion by Goold, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2020-036.

2. FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Award

(Erin Castleberry, Administrative Specialist)

Recommendation: Adopt the Grant Acceptance and Budget Amendment Resolutions.

Action: On a motion by Goold, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution Nos. 2020-038 through 2020-040.

3. Industrial Disability Retirement – Battalion Chief Kevin Wegener

Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Battalion Chief Wegener has suffered job related injuries and direct staff to work with BC Wegener through his Industrial Disability Retirement process with CalPERS.

Action: On a motion by Wood, seconded by White, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2020-041.

REPORTS

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

2. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Harms begins his report by thanking everyone for the support over the last few weeks. He appreciated the texts, calls, and visits. He especially appreciated the support from his wife and son as he healed from surgery.

Chief Harms asked Deputy Chief Casentini to follow up on a request from Director Goold during a previous Board Meeting. DC Casentini shared information about the COVID-19 support available to families through Metro Peer Support and the work Jeff Wells does within that group. Additionally, DC Casentini is working to have increased resources available through the existing Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Director Goold recommends we reach out virtually, as in-person communication is challenging during these times

OPERATIONS REPORT

Deputy Chief Bridge briefly touches on COVID-19 and reiterates the positive work Jeff Wells and Local 522 are doing to make sure everyone is healthy. Currently, there are 12 members in quarantine awaiting two negative tests. Per the County Public Health, employees must receive a negative test, then wait 48-96 hours until being tested again, with the ability to return to work after receiving negative results from the second test. DC Bridge assures the Board there is a plan in place should Metro Fire reach emergency staffing levels, and Metro Fire has been supporting neighboring agencies who have reached emergency staffing levels.

DC Bridge reported out on a recent type 3 strike team deployment to the Mineral Fire in the Shasta area where the team laid hose line, and stayed in isolation as best they could. This team was reassigned to the Hog Fire in Susanville. Additionally, a type 1 strike team was recently dispatched to the Hog Fire, they are currently staying in a hotel in Sparks, NV. In total, there are 14 members deployed on strike teams.

DC Bridge thanked FF Watts for organizing the auto extrication training that took place at the Zinfandel Training Center. 46 members were able to participate in the training, and he also thanked CERT and logistics for their support. Metro Fire participated in another live fire training on Sylvan Avenue in Citrus Heights, he thanked the church for donating the building.

Lastly, call volume has returned to the regular 250 to 300 calls per day.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT:

Captain McGoldrick thanked Erin Castleberry and the grants team, along with the IAFC, for the grant review and approval. He is glad to be working with behavioral health to allow for COVID-19 resources.

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Next Meeting: TBD

B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Shannon)

Report Out: July 14, 2020

No report.

Next Meeting: July 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM

C. California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (DC Shannon)

Next Meeting: September 17, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive

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D. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)

Next Meeting: August 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM

E. Policy Committee – (Director Goold)

Next Meeting: TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director White commends administration and staff for maintaining the surplus equipment. He shared there was a recent fire in his division near a bridge that connects the community, he was happy to report with the quick work of the responding crews, the bridge was left unharmed and the community was very appreciative. He hopes for the strike team's safe return, and he congratulated President Sheetz on the completion of her master's program.

Director Jones thanked Fire Marshal Barsdale and DC Casentini for their professionalism and assistance with a constituent in her division. She also congratulated President Sheetz for her Master's program completion, job well done!

Director Clark is proud of the administration and the way they are handling the COVID-19 pandemic. He welcomed back Chief Harms.

Director Wood echoed the comments from previous Directors, and hopes everyone stays safe!

Director Orzalli thanked Erin Castleberry for her work in obtaining the grant, and welcomes back the Chief.

Director Goold thanked staff for the reports, and thanked administration for reaching out to members and their families.

Director Saylor thanked Captain Mitchell for his presentation on the surplus property. She also congratulated Director Sheetz on the completion of her master's program.

Director Kelly thanked Assistant Chief Mitchell for allowing him to ride-along on the 4th of July. He appreciated seeing the crews, hearing their stories, and working with them during the busy weekend.

Director Sheetz welcomed back Chief Harms, and hopes for a safe return for those deployed with strike teams. She thanked everyone for the congratulatory wishes.

Taken out of order, the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:25 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:**
One case

Action: No reportable action taken.

- 2. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – One matter of Industrial Disability Retirement.**

Kevin Wegener and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # SMDQ - 549870 – Industrial Disability Retirement
Deputy Chief Gregory Casentini

Action: No reportable action taken.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:03 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Jenifer Sheetz, President

Cinthia Saylor, Secretary

Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk



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DATE: August 13, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Surplus Equipment

TOPIC

Disposal of the District's Information Technology Division's surplus equipment.

DISCUSSION

The District's Information Technology Division is decommissioning equipment from its inventory and the majority will be e-wasted. A couple of assets will be disassembled and used separately.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will not be a fiscal impact to the District.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board of Director's approve the disposal of the District's Information Technology Division surplus equipment.

Submitted by:


Mathew Roseberry,
Director of Information Technology

Approved by:



Brian Shannon,
Deputy Chief of Support Services



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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT WHICH DECLARES SPECIFIC COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors approves the purchase of computer and telecommunications equipment by the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the District has purchased numerous pieces of computer and telecommunications equipment over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the District is now in possession of a surplus of obsolete computer and telecommunications equipment; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the need to remove excess computer and telecommunications equipment from the Technical Services Division's inventory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District that the following equipment be declared as surplus:

INCODE ASSET #	ACQUISITION		DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NO	DISPOSAL DATE	PLANNED	
	DATE	COST				DISPOSAL METHOD	FAIR MARKET VALUE
4274	01/01/11	\$ 6,958	Konica Minolta Bizhub C280	AOED012009430	E-Waste	\$ 400	501066
					08/17/20		
4316	01/01/11	\$ 6,958	Konica Minolta Bizhub C280	AOED012014823	E-Waste	\$ 400	501068
					08/17/20		
4273	01/01/11	\$ 6,958	Konica Minolta Bizhub C280	AOED012009407	E-Waste	\$ 400	501065
					08/17/20		
4269	01/01/11	\$ 6,958	Konica Minolta Bizhub C280	AOED012009446	E-Waste	\$ 400	501067
					08/17/20		
4272	01/01/11	\$ 14,817	Konica Minolta Bizhub C652	AOP0011003694	E-Waste	\$ 700	501071
					08/17/20		
4271	01/01/11	\$ 14,817	Konica Minolta Bizhub C652	AOP0011002754	E-Waste	\$ 700	501069
					08/17/20		
4317	01/01/11	\$ 14,817	Konica Minolta Bizhub C652	AOP0011005108	E-Waste	\$ 700	501072
					08/17/20		
4270	01/01/11	\$ 14,817	Konica Minolta Bizhub C652	AOP0011002758	E-Waste	\$ 700	501070
					08/17/20		
4772	08/21/15	\$ 5,585	QNAP NAS	Q154102565	E-Waste	\$ 300	501082
					08/17/20		
5048	10/30/17	\$ 8,964	iPlan System	6PTRGK2	Separating Asset	\$ 4,000	501121
					08/17/20		
5052	10/30/17	\$ 8,964	iPlan System	6PXPGK2	Separating Asset	\$ 4,000	501122
					08/17/20		
4606	08/12/13	\$ 97,701	Nimble CS440	AF-102491	E-Waste	\$ 900	501088
					08/17/20		

4771	07/01/15	\$ 26,023	Hybrid Expansion Shelf	AF-112543	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 400	501073
4973	05/01/17	\$ 31,533	Hybrid Expansion Shelf	AF-117768	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 400	501075
4974	05/01/17	\$ 23,186	Hybrid Expansion Shelf	AF-117751	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 400	501074
4607	08/12/13	\$ 75,430	Nimble CS240	AF-102646	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 900	501089
4699	12/23/14	\$5,206.58	BE 6000 Server	FCH1838V2NF	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 150	501099
5115	12/23/14	\$5,206.58	BE 6000 Server	FCH1838V253	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 150	501098
4612	02/01/14	\$14,867.00	Poweredge R720	9S62DZ1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 175	501096
4611	02/01/14	\$14,867.00	Poweredge R720	9S53DZ1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 175	501094
4610	02/01/14	\$14,867.00	Poweredge R720	9S63DZ1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 175	501097
4609	02/01/14	\$14,867.00	Poweredge R720	9S61DZ1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 175	501095
4613	02/01/14	\$9,655.00	Poweredge R620	FQF1DZ1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 160	501100
4614	02/01/14	\$9,655.00	Poweredge R620	FQF2DZ1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 160	501101
4361	05/27/13	\$8,847.93	Poweredge R620	4MRXFX1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 160	501093
4605	11/15/13	\$14,322.95	Poweredge R620	2Z8P9Z1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 160	501090
4604	11/15/13	\$14,322.95	Poweredge R620	2Z9N9Z1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 160	501092
4603	11/15/13	\$14,322.95	Poweredge R620	2Z9M9Z1	E-Waste 08/17/20	\$ 160	501091

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2020, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

By: _____
President, Board of Directors

Attested By:

Clerk of the Board



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Date: August 13, 2020
To: Board of Directors
From: Todd Harms, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare Pilot Project – MOU Approval

TOPIC

Staff is seeking Board authorization to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare (SacMIH) Pilot Project.

BACKGROUND

Everyday across the Sacramento region, Metro Fire is on the frontline of patient care answering 911 calls. While some calls to 911 are truly life threatening emergencies requiring quick thinking, treatment to stabilize a patient, and transport to an Emergency Department (ED), it is well documented that many 911 calls are not life threatening emergencies.

That is not to say our patients are not sick or suffering, rather they are individuals with chronic illnesses or non-emergent injuries who do not have anywhere else to turn for care. In 2019 Metro Fire responded to 97,369 incidents, the majority of which were requests for medical aid, resulting in 52,477 patient transports to an ED. Approximately 40% of the transports did not require an advanced life support (ALS) level of care. Consequently, the EMS transport system and EDs in Sacramento County are increasingly and consistently strained.

A presentation of the Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare (SacMIH) Pilot Project was made to the Board of Directors on October 10, 2019, in which the Board approved staff to move forward with the project. Staff has worked with the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California (the “Council”) and the Healthcare Foundation of Northern and Central California (the “Foundation”) to develop the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

DISCUSSION

Since 2016, the Council has convened health stakeholders in Sacramento County to develop innovative ways of providing medical services in the community that will more appropriately address the root causes of patient health challenges, improve patient case management, and maximize the capacity of the EMS transport system. SacMIH seeks to apply proven best practices that provide definitive care to patients in a more expeditious and comprehensive manner.

In coalition with four local healthcare systems (Dignity Health, Sutter Health, UC Davis, and Kaiser Permanente) and local fire departments (Metro Fire and Sacramento Fire Department), the Council held discussions to promote the mobile integrated health model. The pilot project will pair a Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner with a firefighter/paramedic to operate a Community Care Response Unit (CCRU) and address the health needs of patients with records of high utilization of emergency healthcare services. Combining advanced level care and EMS capabilities in the same field-unit results in timely patient care while reducing stress on area EDs and decreasing healthcare costs.

To optimize SacMIH, the same coalition has come together to create the Sacramento Health Information Partnership (SHIP). Working under the guidance of the California Association and Health Information Exchanges (CAHIE), SHIP is a focused approach to improve interoperability and enable the exchange of health information among providers throughout the Sacramento region. This approach will enable meaningful data gathering and analysis to measure the effectiveness of SacMIH at a relatively low cost.

SacMIH is currently a one year pilot project designed to prove the patient care success and cost effectiveness of the mobile integrated health model. The project is explained in detail in Attachment A. The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve continuity of care for high utilizers of EMS and ED services;
- Reduce unnecessary EMS transports and ED visits;
- Reduce hospital readmissions;
- Reduce healthcare expenditures;
- Expedite appropriate care for patients calling 911; and

FISCAL IMPACT

The agreement is between Healthcare Foundation of Northern & Central California, the Hospital Council of Northern & Central California, and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. Year 1 funding of \$735,000 is itemized in detail below. Additional funding may come available at a later date. The Council is committed to helping Metro Fire develop sustainable revenue through research and advocacy.

Opportunities for mobile integrated healthcare programs to perform cost recovery already exist and are maturing. As this approach proves its cost-effectiveness, it is anticipated that payors will create the means to support it.

The proposed Year 1 operating budget for SacMIH is included as Exhibit II, Term Budget of the MOU:

Medical Director	\$75,000
Program Coordinator	\$215,000
Fuel	\$6,000
Unit Equipment	\$10,000
Soft Supplies	\$5,000
Unit Maintenance	\$5,000
Advanced Provider	\$190,000
Firefighter/paramedic	\$150,000
Data Analyst	\$2,500
Imagetrend	\$10,000
Radios	\$10,000
Vehicle Insurance	\$500
OT cost for personnel	\$7,500
Training	\$2,500
IT	\$1,000
Administrative cost	\$45,000
Totals	\$735,000.00

LEGAL IMPACT

General Counsel has reviewed the SacMIH Pilot Program MOU between the Council, Foundation, and Metro Fire and is included with this staff report for approval.

A separate MOU will be drafted for the services of the Medical Director/Supervising Physician and the Advanced Provider(s) upon the conclusion of a RFP process which is currently in process with the Purchasing Manager. The RFP will be for a one-year contract with the option for two one-year extensions.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize Chief Harms to approve the MOU for the Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare Pilot Project.

Submitted by:



Todd Harms
Fire Chief

Memorandum of Understanding for the Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare Pilot Project

Attachment A – Improving Patient Care in Sacramento through Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Health Information Exchange

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare Pilot Project

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU,” or “Agreement”) is entered into and effective as of July 30, 2020 (“Effective Date”) by and among (1) the Healthcare Foundation of Northern & Central California, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the “Foundation”), (2) the Hospital Council of Northern & Central California, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the “Council”), and (3) the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (“Metro Fire”), a California Special District established pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, for the purpose of establishing and funding the Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare Project.

WHEREAS, The Hospital Council of Northern and Central California is a nonprofit hospital and health system trade association. The Council carries out a wide range of health care related programs, including programs to reduce the impact of frequent users on hospital emergency departments. The Foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit public benefit corporation affiliated with the Council.

WHEREAS, Metro Fire is a special fire district established and operating as a public entity pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code. Metro Fire provides 911 emergency medical services (EMS) within its geographical scope of Sacramento and Placer Counties.

WHEREAS, a project to better utilize emergency services resources was conceptualized and organized by the Foundation and interested hospitals serving Sacramento and Placer Counties’ residents, as is described in the October 2019 document “Improving Patient Care in Sacramento” released by the Council and attached hereto as Attachment A, and has come to be referred to as the Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare Project (“SacMIH Project”).

WHEREAS, pursuant to a separate agreement, two hospitals donated funds in the total amount of \$736,090 to the Foundation to be used for the purpose of establishing and operating the SacMIH Project (“Project Funds”), and Foundation desires to release those funds to Metro Fire to operate the SacMIH Project with a goal of more efficiently addressing service needs of individuals within Sacramento and Placer Counties, and Metro Fire has agreed to operate the SacMIH Project under the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Accordingly, intending to be legally bound the parties agree as follows:

Agreement

1. Project Scope

Metro Fire will operate the SacMIH Project for the benefit of the people of Sacramento and Placer Counties, pursuant to the SacMIH Project Scope attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit I.

It is expressly understood and agreed by the parties that Metro Fire is at all times relevant to this Agreement acting independently from the Council and Foundation. Council and Foundation shall not have nor exercise any control or direction over the methods by which the Metro Fire performs the Project Scope. None of the parties to this Agreement is an employee, partner, agent, joint venture

partner of or with the other, and none of the parties has the right or authority to assume any obligation on behalf another party.

2. Representations of Council and Foundation

(a) Council and Foundation are merely facilitators of the launch of the SacMIH Project and do not seek to derive any direct benefit from this Agreement other than advancement of their respective nonprofit missions.

(b) Council and Federation have entered into legally binding agreement(s) with the hospitals who have donated funds to support start-up of the SacMIH Project and are transferring the entirety of such Project Funds to Metro Fire hereunder free and clear of any liens or encumbrances other than as expressly stated herein.

3. Representations of Metro Fire

(a) Metro Fire is authorized to perform the Project Scope pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code.

(b) Metro Fire will undertake all action necessary and obtain and maintain all approvals, permits, licenses, certifications, and competencies necessary to perform the Project Scope.

(c) Metro Fire assumes responsibility for operation of the Project and any and all risks and liabilities connected with such operation.

(d) Metro Fire will use commercially reasonable efforts to implement and operate the Project in accordance with Attachment A.

4. Financial Terms

(a) Within five (5) business' days of the Effective Date hereof, Foundation shall transfer the Project Funds to Metro Fire. These funds shall be used solely to carry out the functions and operations of the Project as described in Exhibit I and pursuant to the approved Budget, attached hereto as Exhibit II, for one year and for no other purposes.

(b) The Project Funds shall be deposited in Metro Fire's General Fund account, via ACH transfer within five business days of full execution of this MOU and the MOU between the grantors, the Foundation, and the Hospital Council to approve the transfer of project funds to Metro Fire.

(c) Within the General Fund account, a SacMIH Project account will be established. Metro Fire will utilize the SacMIH Project account to expend Project Funds and make payment of all costs necessary in the implementation and operation of the SacMIH Project. Metro Fire will make the General Fund accounting records applicable to the SacMIH Project available to residents of Sacramento and Placer Counties by publishing not less than quarterly via its publicly available website.

(d) Metro Fire will be responsible for paying all costs associated with operation of the SacMIH Project, including allocable indirect and overhead costs, from the Project Funds. Payment of

costs and accounting of costs will be handled by the Finance Division for Metro Fire, utilizing the standard accounting practices of that office for receipt and accounting of public funds.

(e) Metro Fire shall provide reports of the current accounting, including all expenditures, and information on the status of the operation of the Project to residents of Sacramento and Placer Counties by publishing such reports not less than quarterly via its publicly available website.

(f) The parties acknowledge that Metro Fire's total budgeted amount for Project operations exceeds the Project Funds. The parties anticipate that additional project funding will become available. Notwithstanding, Metro Fire shall make downward Budget adjustments as necessary to ensure proper management and operations of the Project utilizing only then-available Project Funds. Nothing in this Agreement authorizes Metro Fire to exceed the Project Funds either in spending or commitment to spent. In the event that Metro Fire exceeds Project Funds in spending or commitment to spend, Metro Fire acknowledges there is no guarantee of additional project funding and Metro Fire shall bear all risk of loss from unreimbursed expenses related to the Project.

5. Inspection of Records

During the term of this MOU, to the extent permitted by law, the Council, the Foundation, residents of Sacramento and Placer Counties, and their duly authorized representatives, upon reasonable notice, shall have access to the accounting records and other documents maintained by Metro Fire in connection with the implementation and the operation of the Project, and any other matters which relate to this MOU, and shall have the right to audit such records at any reasonable time or times during the Term of this MOU and for a period of up to 2 years after termination or expiration of this MOU.

6. Term & Termination

(a) The term of this MOU shall be for a period of one year ("Term").

(b) This Agreement may be terminated by the Council, the Foundation or Metro Fire upon 30 days' written notice, with or without cause. Upon termination, Metro Fire shall:

(i) Provide to residents of Sacramento and Placer Counties, via its publicly available website, a final accounting of the SacMIH Project, including but not limited to all expenses paid as of the date of termination, all expenses which are due and owing as of the termination, and any and all expenses for which Metro Fire is legally bound to pay through the next anniversary of the Effective Date;

(ii) Make every reasonable effort to terminate related contracts to minimize ongoing financial obligations of Metro Fire following from this Agreement and to avoid further reducing the principal of the Project Funds; and

(iii) Follow its usual and customary practices as governed by applicable law to retain, preserve, and protect any remaining Project Funds for use on a future implementation of the Project, or upon direction of its governing body return to the Council any Project Funds received for the first year of the Project that have not been expended or irrevocably committed for expenditure.

(c) Upon termination or expiration, as between Metro Fire, the Council, and the Foundation, any equipment, vehicles, supplies, materials, or other property purchased, leased, or licensed by Metro Fire to perform the Project Scope shall remain the property of Metro Fire ("Project Assets"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Metro Fire shall take all reasonable steps to preserve and maintain any such Project Assets in good working order for, and to facilitate availability for, future implementations of the Project.

7. Choice and Application of Law

This agreement is executed and delivered within the State of California, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

8. Severability

In the event any term of this agreement shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall remain valid and enforceable.

9. Notices

All notices or communications required or permitted under this MOU shall be given in writing and shall be delivered to the Party to whom notice is to be given. Notice shall be delivered or sent to the Parties' addresses indicated below the signatures hereto, or such other address as provided, from time to time, pursuant to this Section.

10. Amendment

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Project and may be amended only by a writing signed by the parties to be bound. Any notice required or permitted by this MOU shall be deemed delivered upon personal delivery or two (2) business days after posting in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, registered or certified, and addressed to the recipient at the address below, or any other address of which a party may give notice to the other parties.

11. The Public as Beneficiaries

Metro Fire is a public entity. As such, the beneficiaries of the obligations of Metro Fire under this MOU are the residents of Sacramento and Placer Counties.

12. Limitation of Liability

The parties agree that neither the Council nor the Foundation shall have any obligation or liability under this MOU or otherwise, except to provide and transfer the Project Funds directly to Metro Fire for the purposes described in this MOU as and when received. In consideration, Metro Fire agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Council, the Foundation, and their respective officers, employees and agents harmless from and against any claim, cost or liability arising out of the performance of this MOU, except to the extent that any claim, cost or liability arises out of the Council's or Foundation's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The provision shall survive the termination of the Project and the termination of this MOU.

13. Dispute Resolution

Upon the request of any party, any controversy or claim (whether such claim originates in contract, tort, or otherwise) arising out of or related to this Agreement, or the breach hereof, shall be pursued in good faith through nonbinding, confidential mediation. Each party shall bear its own costs in mediation.

14. Compliance

Metro Fire shall comply with all applicable State and federal laws and regulations in the performance of the Project Scope, including without limitation the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000 as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of March 24, 1972, Public Law No. 92-261) in that it shall not discriminate against any individual with respect to his or her compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment; or discriminate in any way that would deprive or intend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his or her status as an employee because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, medical condition, or marital status. Metro Fire shall ensure that services and benefits are provided without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Metro Fire shall comply with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), pertaining to the prohibition of discrimination against qualified disabled persons.

15. Access to Books and Records

Upon reasonable notice, Metro Fire shall make this Agreement and its books, documents, and records relating to the Project Scope, available to the Secretary of the Health and Human Services, the Comptroller General, or the duly authorized representative(s) of either of them, during business hours, until the expiration of (4) years after Metro Fire's Project activities were performed hereunder; provided, however, if any of Metro Fire's duties hereunder are carried out through a subcontractor, if such subcontract has a value of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more over a twelve (12) month period, Metro Fire shall obtain the written agreement of such subcontractor to make the subcontract as well as the subcontractor's books, documents, and records available to the same parties and to the same extent.

16. Assignment

This Agreement may not be assigned by any party without the express prior written consent of the other parties, except to the extent that such assignment is related to the transfer of all assets of a party related to a sale or acquisition of the majority of its business. Subject to such limitation, this Agreement shall be binding on, and inure to the benefit of, the respective parties' successors and assigns.

The parties hereto have executed this Agreement each by a duly authorized representative and as of the dates indicated below:

HOSPITAL COUNCIL OF
NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Name: Bryan Bucklew
Title: President & CEO
Date: August __, 2020
Address: 1215 K Street, Suite 730
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HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
OF NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Name: Bryan Bucklew
Title: President & CEO
Date: August __, 2020
Address: 1215 K Street, Suite 730
Sacramento, CA 95662

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Name: Todd Harms
Title: Fire Chief
Date: August __, 2020
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Mather, CA 95655

Attachment A

Hospital Council's October 2019 "Improving Patient Care in Sacramento"

[attach]

Exhibit I.

SacMIH Project Scope

Metro Fire shall:

- a) Assign a Chief of Emergency Medical Services to oversee and supervise the administration of the Project, implementation and development of policies and procedures for Project operation. Ensure the EMS Chief reports to the Fire Chief on all matters related to the Project.
- b) Appoint a Metro Fire Captain and firefighter/paramedic to provide required services for the Community Care Response Unit (CCRU), and other management responsibilities for operation of the Project.
- c) Provide other staffing and acquire supplies, software, hardware and equipment, as described and identified in the Budget, including:
 - a. 1 Medical Director to oversee medical policies, procedures, and decisions related to patient care in the CCRU.
 - b. 1 or more Advanced Provider(s) (physician assistants and/or nurse practitioners) to serve in the CCRU.

Metro Fire will follow its mandated policies for issuance, review and acceptance of Requests for Proposals, selection of staff, and direct contracting.

- d) Consult with the regional health care systems to learn more about demographics and issues faced by the highest and most frequent utilizers of ambulance and emergency department services.
- e) Pay all direct and indirect costs and wages of Metro Fire personnel and staff, related tax obligations and withholding of any amounts required of employers by state and federal tax agencies.
- f) Maintain sufficient programs of insurance to cover Metro Fire's potential liabilities hereunder, including but not limited to professional liability insurance, general liability insurance, and all other casualty and liability insurance that Metro Fire routinely maintains for its emergency medical services to the community, and these shall be extended to include coverage for all acts and omissions related to the Project.
- g) Collect, review and report Project data, with publication not less than quarterly.
- h) Train staff as necessary for the Project.
- i) Conduct community engagement and education including but not limited to outreach and awareness communication to health care providers and social services agencies regarding the Project.

- j) Provide a senior Project staff member as liaison to represent Metro Fire and participate in good faith at all meetings of any Steering Committee or other Project-related committee formed by hospitals and/or residents of Placer and Sacramento Counties.

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Exhibit II.

Term Budget

Medical Director	\$75,000	0.25 FTE
Program Coordinator	\$215,000	1.0 FTE
Fuel	\$6,000	
Unit Equipment	\$10,000	
Soft Supplies	\$5,000	
Unit Maintenance	\$5,000	
Advanced Provider	\$190,000	
Firefighter/paramedic	\$150,000	
Data Analyst	\$2,500	1.0 FTE
Imagetrend (software)	\$10,000	1.0 FTE
Radios (hardware)	\$10,000	
Vehicle Insurance	\$500	
OT cost for personnel	\$7,500	
Training	\$2,500	
IT	\$1,000	
Administrative costs	\$45,000	
 Totals	 \$735,000	



Improving Patient Care in Sacramento *Through Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Health Information Exchange*

October 2019

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

Since 2016, the Hospital Council – Northern and Central California has convened health stakeholders in Sacramento County to develop innovative ways of providing emergency medical services (EMS) that will more appropriately address the root causes of patient health challenges, improve patient case management and maximize the capacity of the system to meet patient demand. **Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare (SacMIH)** adapts proven best practices that have provided definitive care to patients in a more expeditious and comprehensive manner. The partners participating in SacMIH have conducted extensive coalition building, research and discussion to refine the program. In the process, many ancillary healthcare stakeholders have expressed encouragement for the approach. With the approval of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire) Board of Directors SacMIH will be ready to initiate patient care in early 2020.

To optimize SacMIH, the same coalition has come together to create the **Sacramento Health Information Partnership (SHIP)**. Working under the guidance of the California Association and Health Information Exchanges (CAHIE), SHIP is a focused approach to improve interoperability and enable the exchange of health information among providers throughout the Sacramento region. SHIP is leveraging existing data use agreements, national standards for interoperability and investments in electronic systems. It is creating a privacy-protected pathway to exchange patient health information without the need to invest in a separate technology platform or stand up a burdensome governance structure. This approach will also enable meaningful data gathering and analysis to measure the effectiveness of SacMIH at a relatively low cost.

Although Metro Fire will operate SacMIH, local health systems have contributed the start-up funding to get the initiative off the ground for the first year. Dignity Health, Sutter Health, UC Davis Health and Kaiser Permanente committed Year 1 funding of \$1.47 million for SacMIH in October 2017. Together, the partners will seek to secure sustainable sources of funding to maintain the program thereafter.

BACKGROUND

In coalition with the four major health systems in the Sacramento Region (Dignity Health, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health and UC Davis Health) and local EMS agencies (Metro Fire and Sacramento Fire Department), the Hospital Council has convened discussions to promote the mobile integrated health model developed in Mesa, Arizona. The model pairs an advanced level provider with a paramedic to address the health needs of patients with a record of high utilization of healthcare services. Working under the guidance of a medical director, a nurse practitioner or physician assistant has a scope of practice sufficient to treat patients in the field and connect them to community providers (i.e. primary care provider, outpatient clinic, write prescriptions for local pharmacy, etc.). Meanwhile, if during a patient encounter it is determined that emergency care is needed, the paramedic in the crew will take the lead in initiating established EMS protocols and requesting resources for patient transport. Combining advanced level care and EMS capabilities in the same field unit results in timely patient care while reducing stress on area EDs and compressing health care costs.

OUTCOMES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

SacMIH is patterned on two successful programs. The Mesa Model merited a multi-year, \$12.5 million Innovation Grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and was successfully adopted by Anaheim Fire and Rescue in Orange County, California. During the first two and a half years Mesa operated its program, it made 1,250 patient contacts. Of those, 40 percent of patients encountered were diverted from the ED. In Anaheim's first year, 479 patients were served. And, 58 percent of patients encountered were diverted from the ED.

The model better achieves the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Triple Aim – improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction); improving the health of populations; and reducing the per capita cost of health care. ED diversion means patients received care more immediately without the wait often experienced by low-acuity patients who present at the ED. It preserves pre-hospital and hospital emergency services capacity for true emergencies. In Sacramento, it is expected to eventually reduce ambulance patient offload times (“wall times”), decompress EDs and improve care coordination for patients. Not only has the Mesa Model resulted in reduced costs to health care institutions, but it also reduces health care costs for patients who would otherwise be obligated to pay for a share of the ambulance transport and ED bills.

More recently, the Cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills initiated similar programs. Although Sacramento was at the cutting edge of developing mobile integrated healthcare in California when it started the work in 2016, other communities have progressed further in the meantime.

SACRAMENTO MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE

SacMIH is a three-year pilot project designed to prove the patient care success and cost effectiveness of the model in the capital region. At build-out, SacMIH will consist of two mobile units serving physical and behavioral health respectively. The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve continuity of care for high utilizers of EMS and ED services;
- Reduce unnecessary EMS transports and ED visits;
- Reduce hospital readmissions;
- Reduce health care expenditures;
- Expedite appropriate care for patients calling 911; and
- Provide appropriate care for behavioral health patients encountering 911 services;

Phase 1 will launch the **Community Care Response Unit (CCRU)** – the pairing of an advanced practitioner and a paramedic to serve those with a history of extraordinarily high utilization of EMS. If necessary, this unit would assess behavioral health needs and connect the patient to appropriate services (i.e. county behavioral health urgent care center, substance abuse service, Whole Person Care program, etc.). Metro Fire will consult with the partnering health systems to identify the highest utilizers of ambulance and emergency department services. Using this data, the CCRU will focus proactive attention on those patients so that they learn to access the right level of care in the right setting to better manage chronic and other non-emergent health needs. Project proponents expect that it will address the underlying health concerns in a more comprehensive way by connecting patients with a more appropriate level of care and improved education in self-care. This, in turn, will preserve pre-hospital and hospital EMS capacity and control costs.

Phase 2 consists of dispatching the CCRU to non-emergent patients calling 911. The CCRU could make six to eight patient contacts per day, because a crew may spend an hour or two with each patient rather than the typical 15- to 30-minute response and ED transport that Metro Fire units perform currently. When the CCRU is not responding to a low-acuity call routed through the 911 dispatch system, it would make proactive follow up with high utilizers. Although the medical director for the Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency has expressed concerns about any such changes to the 911 dispatch system, the SacMIH coalition reached agreement with him and the senior Sacramento County staff and Board of Supervisors in 2018 that it will only advance to Phase 2 after Phase 1 shows itself to be successful and after additional consultation.

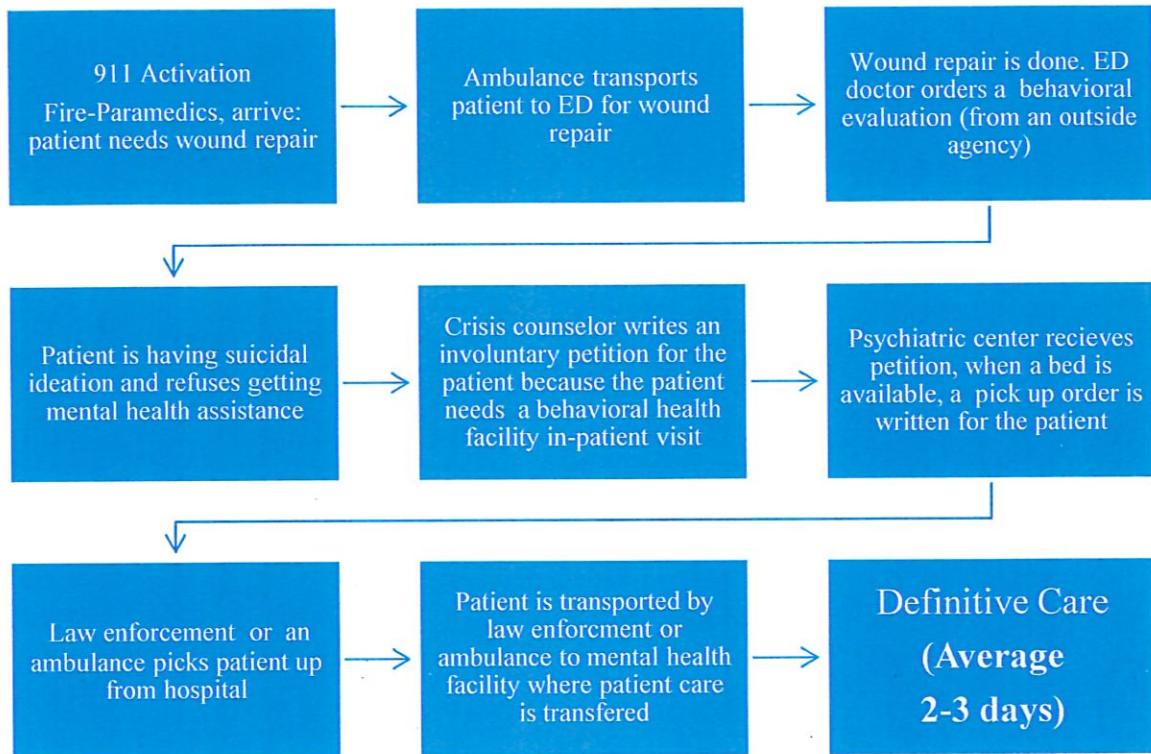
It is important to note that the City of Sacramento Fire Department (Sacramento Fire) played an integral part in the development of SacMIH from 2016 until early 2019. It was always the plan that while Metro Fire would operate the CCRU, Sacramento Fire would operate a **Behavioral Health Response Unit (BHRU)**. The BHRU would serve behavioral health patients, whose high utilization of EMS and ED resources also place great strain on the system. It would pair a behavioral health worker with a paramedic to respond to medically-cleared persons in crisis. Ideally, the CCRU and BHRU would work in concert. For example, in the case of encountering a patient who needs care in a behavioral health facility, the CCRU could medically clear the patient in the field, then the BHRU would address the behavioral health needs – all without transporting the patient to an ED.

Due to the challenge of coordinating the work across so many partner organizations, the coalition decided to focus on helping Metro Fire stand up the CCRU first. After it is operational, the coalition plans to reengage Sacramento Fire to activate the BHRU.

Program decisions such as the days and hours of operation of the CCRU will be made by Metro Fire. The geographic scope of the program will be countywide, with the unit positioned in “hot spots” – areas where utilization of the service will have greatest effect – using Metro Fire and hospital patient data. **The anticipated implementation date for the SacMIH program is early 2020. The pilot phase is expected to last thirty-six months.**

The flow charts below contrasts the existing EMS system with Phase 2 and 3 of the proposed SacMIH model.

Patient Experience in Current EMS System



Patient Experience in Sacramento Mobile Integrated Healthcare



ROLE OF MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

Beginning in December 2016, the coalition has met with representatives of the Medi-Cal Managed Care plans serving Sacramento to promote SacMIH. From the outset, the health plans have expressed enthusiasm for the program. Moving forward, all parties intend to maximize the care coordination capacity of the plans to help SacMIH mesh with other appropriate wrap-around services.

SACRAMENTO HEALTH INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP

The same parties which are collaborating to launch SacMIH have also worked diligently since 2016 to create a data system to support it, known as SHIP. The system will help manage patient care across providers and track patient outcomes. Providers on the CCRU and BHRU will be able to connect with health system records to offer better care in the field and connect patients to the most appropriate resources.

The coalition has devised a way to accomplish health information exchange (HIE) by enhancing the interoperability of existing the electronic health record (EHR) systems of the hospitals and electronic patient care record (EPCR) systems of the ambulance providers. SHIP will do this by basing data exchange on national standards used by the largest HIE networks, many of which the local health systems already support. What is missing is a connective technology that links EHRs and EPCRs. The SHIP Steering Committee interviewed four different technology vendors to determine which could best help us accomplish this. In the end, only one appears to have the capability needed – ImageTrend, using its partner, Kno2. It is the vendor used by Metro Fire and CalEMSA among many other EMS providers.

The SacMIH units' EPCR system will access patient data managed by the hospitals' EHR through a federated query. This means that it will contact each EHR system, and each system will respond with any relevant patient data. The systems never relinquish control of the patient data and there is no need to pay a third party to manage the information systems.

SHIP is using SacMIH as its initial use case to create a viable HIE. Once operational, it can be expanded to include other providers and operate in additional jurisdictions. Conversations with Sacramento County Public Health, Sierra-Sacramento Valley Medical Society, federally qualified health centers, physician groups and other stakeholders have developed wide support for this HIE plan. It is a relatively low-cost, low-barrier-to-entry approach that will finally accomplish HIE in the capital region.

SHIP is evolving concurrently and in conjunction with SacMIH, however, it is also depending on SacMIH to begin operations in order to build the interoperable HIE.

Specifically for the initial SacMIH use case, SHIP intends to leverage the California Data Use and Reciprocal Support Agreement (CaldURSA), onto which all SacMIH participants (except for Kaiser Permanente) have already signed. The CaldURSA is a multi-party data sharing agreement that establishes common policies, procedures, and operational practices for trusted statewide health information sharing in California. This will allow for trusted exchange of information to support SacMIH.

As it evolves, SHIP is also considering onboarding to the California Trusted Exchange Network (CTEN), which is an existing framework that combines the CaldURSA, a common set of policies and procedures, and a lightweight technical infrastructure. The CTEN has already established a trusted environment for safe and secure sharing of health information across the state. In fact, CAHIE's other initiative – the Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE) operates as a participant in the CTEN. It was first deployed for use in the fires that ravaged Northern and Southern California in 2017. Already, several SacMIH participants have or are independently onboarding to the CTEN: the California Emergency Medical Services Authority is already a participant, UC Davis is in the testing phase and Sutter Health is in the beginning phase of onboarding. Participating in the CTEN will allow SHIP to dive into analyzing the effectiveness of SacMIH, and will provide the necessary framework for other use cases, once it is ready to expand to them.

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Dignity Health, Sutter Health, UC Davis Health, and Kaiser Permanente committed Year 1 funding of \$1,472,180 for SacMIH in October 2017. The Healthcare Foundation of Northern and Central California has so far collected \$1,104,135 of the funds. It is in the process of developing a MOU transferring all assets, liabilities and responsibilities to Metro Fire. It will contain provisions so that Metro Fire will use the money for the purposes stated herein, continue consulting with the Hospital Council periodically to further build out the program, and report outcomes to the funding partners. This MOU will be presented to the Metro Fire Board of Directors in the near future for their approval.

While the health systems do not plan to supply more than Year 1 funding, the Hospital Council is committed to helping Metro Fire develop sustainable revenue through research and advocacy. Opportunities for mobile integrated healthcare programs to perform cost recovery already exist and are maturing. As this approach proves cost-effective in more and more jurisdictions, payors will create the means to support it.

THE TIME IS NOW

SacMIH has progressed at an orderly, conservative and methodical pace in order to build a sustainable program. The principal partnering organizations, as well as several other health care stakeholders, understand how it will fit into the care continuum. There is widespread support for the concept. The model has already proven itself in multiple jurisdictions. Four years of intensive collaboration have prepared the way for success. The time is now to get SacMIH operating in the community.



TODD HARMS
Fire Chief

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

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TO: Board of Directors

DATE: August 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Extending the Medical Coverage Benefit Program for SCERS Annuitants

TOPIC

In the absence of SCERS (Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System) ability to subsidize its annuitants' medical benefit premiums, should the District continue to provide a subsidy for the premiums of former North Highlands and Florin Fire District employees or their beneficiaries?

SUMMARY

On July 9, 2015, the District adopted Resolution 2015-68 extending the District funding for the annuitant medical coverage benefits program for former employees retired under SCERS through July 1, 2020, and it is time to evaluate the adequacy of its medical coverage subsidy. If the proposed Resolution is not adopted, a total of 14 former North Highlands and Florin Fire District employees, or their beneficiaries, would have their current SCERS medical benefit premium subsidy stopped as of July 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

For the District to continue to fund the medical coverage subsidy for its SCERS annuitants during Fiscal Year 2020/21 would be an impact of \$63,665, with a 5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) annually thereafter beginning on July 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the Board adopt the attached resolution with the proposed medical benefit premium subsidy at the established monthly amount as indicated on Exhibit "A".

Submitted by:

Greg Casentini
Deputy Chief, Administration

Approved by:

Todd Harms
Fire Chief



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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-____

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT FUNDING THE ANNUITANT MEDICAL COVERAGE BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR FORMER EMPLOYEES RETIRED UNDER SCERS (Sacramento County Employees Retirement System)

WHEREAS, the North Highlands and Florin Fire Protection Districts were members of SCERS prior to their respective reorganizations with the Citrus Heights and American River Fire Protection Districts; and

WHEREAS, prior to July 1, 2004, SCERS annuitant medical coverage costs had historically been subsidized annually by "excess" earnings from SCERS investments; and

WHEREAS, in making those annual subsidy payments, the SCERS Board stated that this subsidy was not a vested retirement benefit; and

WHEREAS, at their meeting of November 20, 2003, the SCERS Board made a finding that no funds were available from SCERS earnings for the annuitant medical coverage subsidy program for Fiscal Year 2004/05; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2004, the District adopted Resolution 34-04 funding the annuitant medical coverage costs for former North Highlands and Florin Fire Protection District members of SCERS equal to the subsidy previously provided by SCERS "excess" earnings; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2005, SCERS informed the District that its earnings for 2004/05 will not produce the "excess" previously used to subsidize annuitant medical coverage costs; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2005, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2005-0491 extending the County's medical coverage subsidy for its annuitants through December 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2005, the District adopted resolution 22-05 extending the District funding for the annuitant medical coverage benefits program for former employees retired under SCERS through July 1, 2010.

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WHEREAS, on May 13, 2010, the District adopted resolution 2010-58 extending the District funding for the annuitant medical coverage benefits program for former employees retired under SCERS through July 1, 2015.

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2015, the District adopted resolution 2015-68 extending the District funding for the annuitant medical coverage benefits program for former employees retired under SCERS through July 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, the projected annual outlay for the District to fund the medical coverage costs for its SCERS annuitants during Fiscal Year 2020/21 is **\$63,665**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District hereby authorizes and directs the payment of medical coverage for former North Highlands and Florin Fire Protection District annuitants from District funds, as identified on Exhibit "A" of this resolution, with a 5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) annually beginning on July 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, on July 1, 2020 and every (5) years thereafter, the District shall evaluate the adequacy of its medical coverage for former North Highlands and Florin Fire Protection District annuitants.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2020, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

President, Board of Directors

Attested By:

Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____

EXHIBIT “A”

SCERS Medical Premiums

Years of SCERS Service Credit	Fiscal Year 2020/21 Monthly Subsidy	Fiscal Year 2021/22 Monthly Subsidy	Fiscal Year 2022/23 Monthly Subsidy	Fiscal Year 2023/24 Monthly Subsidy	Fiscal Year 2024/25 Monthly Subsidy
Less than 10 years	\$208.67	\$219.10	\$230.05	\$241.56	\$253.64
10 years but less than 15 years	\$259.97	\$272.97	\$286.62	\$300.95	\$315.99
15 years but less than 20 years	\$311.27	\$326.84	\$343.18	\$360.34	\$378.35
20 years but less than 25 years	\$362.59	\$380.72	\$399.75	\$419.74	\$440.73
25 years or more	\$417.32	\$438.19	\$460.10	\$483.10	\$507.26