

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 11, 2013

To: Washoe County Commission, Reno City Council, Sparks City Council, Washoe County District Board of Health

Through: Katy Simon, Washoe County Manager

From: John Slaughter, Management Services Director

Re: Presentation, discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the August 2012 TriData Emergency Medical Systems Analysis Final Report and recommendations contained within the Final Report.

Date: February 1, 2013

Summary

During the February 11, 2013 concurrent meeting, participants will receive a presentation on the 2012 Emergency Medical Systems Analysis Final Report, and may provide direction to staff regarding the recommendations contained within the Report.

Previous Action

- August 2010 Washoe County BCC directed staff to convene a Multi-stakeholder Emergency Medical Services Task Force.
- December 2010 Washoe County BCC provided direction on the membership of the Task Force.
- September 2011 Washoe County BCC approved the Multi-stakeholder EMS Task Force recommendation to select TriData Division, System Planning Corporation to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the county wide emergency medical system.
- October 2012 (Joint Meeting) direction on three key points regarding the Emergency Medical System in Washoe County (from TriData Study):
 - “Fix Dispatch” (note: at least 10 TriData recommendations related to Dispatch);
 - Open the REMSA Franchise Agreement: specifically invite REMSA to participate; Reno, Sparks and Washoe County be participants in the franchise negotiation;
 - Develop an EMS Agency that has authority and oversight in Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.
- October 2012: District Board of Health: directed Washoe County Health District staff to begin work on taking the lead on reviewing and implementing the appropriate recommendations from the recent stakeholder task force and working with partners at the Cities and County to bring recommendations back to the District Board of Health.

- November 2012: Reno City Council--directed staff to work on implementation of appropriate TriData recommendations where the City has authority for implementation, and to work with Health District in implementation of those recommendations.
- November 2012: Washoe County Manager, Reno City Manager, Sparks City Manager and District Health Officer met to discuss the next steps in the EMS review process, including the three key points outlined at the October 18, 2012 meeting. Established EMS Working Group with Managers and Fire Chiefs.
- December 2012: Sparks City Council--directed staff to work with Health District Staff and partners at the cities and counties on reviewing and implementing the appropriate recommendations from the recent stakeholders task force and TriData study.
- December 2012: District Board of Health--letter inviting REMSA to participate in discussions with the goal of addressing concerns and establishing amendments to the REMSA Franchise Agreement.
- December 28, 2012: REMSA response--Committed to working with DBOH and public entities participate in discussions with the goal of addressing concerns and establishing amendments to the REMSA Franchise Agreement. Additionally, REMSA asks for discussion on “unaddressed issues”: co-response, 911 medical dispatch, quality assurance, medical direction, and other areas of the EMS system.

Background

TriData Division, System Planning Corporation was selected to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the county wide emergency medical system in Washoe County. The attached report is the Final Report of TriData and includes: an Executive Summary; an overview of Washoe County; a review of the State of Nevada EMS System; a review of current response times and the deployment of fire and EMS resources; EMS stakeholder evaluations; an overview and discussion of the role of the Washoe County District Board of Health; a proposed system for EMS in Washoe County; an evaluation of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Agency Contract. The Final Report concludes with a discussion of challenges and includes 38 recommendations for change.

Dr. Harold Coehen, lead staff for TriData will present the Final Report and will provide an overview of the recommendations contained within the Emergency Medical Systems Analysis Final Report

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the participants of the concurrent meeting receive a presentation on the Emergency Medical Systems Analysis Final Report, and provide direction as determined necessary to staff regarding the recommendations contained within the Final Report.

Proposed Motion

A possible motion would be, “I move to accept the Emergency Medical Systems Analysis Final Report, and provide the following direction to staff regarding the recommendations contained within the Final Report.....”