

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE WASHOE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR OVERSIGHT OF ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF RENO, THE CITY OF SPARKS, THE COUNTY OF WASHOE, AND THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1972, the governing bodies of the City of Reno (hereinafter referred to as “RENO”), the City of Sparks (hereinafter referred to as “SPARKS”) and the County of Washoe (hereinafter referred to as “WASHOE”) formed the Washoe County Health District (hereinafter referred to as “DISTRICT”) to provide a broad range of health services for the benefit of said agencies by said DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 1986, the DISTRICT acting on behalf of RENO, SPARKS and WASHOE did approve “A Resolution Authorizing the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (hereinafter referred to as “REMSA”) to operate Emergency Medical Ambulance Services on an exclusive basis in defined areas of Washoe County:

WHEREAS, in August of 2012 WASHOE was provided a report titled “Emergency Medical Services System Analysis” (hereinafter referred to as “STUDY”) performed by TRIDATA. The STUDY contains specific recommendations to be considered for the improvement of Emergency Medical Services provided by RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE, DISTRICT and REMSA for the purpose of improving the delivery of patient care and outcomes, and the delivery of Emergency Medical Services.

WHEREAS, RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE and DISTRICT together on October 18, 2012, February 11, 2013, and June 10, 2013, have continued to review and direct changes to the provision of Emergency Medical Services by and through the STUDY recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the STUDY’s recommendations do require a Resolution for the Inter-Local Agreement concerning the Washoe County Health District to amend, remand and establish certain authorities by and between RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE and DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the proper implementation of the STUDY will require concurrent and separate actions from the governing bodies of RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE and DISTRICT in matters of primacy of each respective agency for the provision of inclusive Emergency Medical Services by these agencies and said changes are delineated hereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE, and DISTRICT as follows:

- I. The STUDY found the need for a Regional Emergency Medical Oversight function for the management, measurement and improvement of Emergency Medical Services by and through the following:
 - A. The DISTRICT shall establish and maintain a Regional Emergency Medical Services Oversight Program to:
 1. Provide for Oversight of all Emergency Medical Services provided by RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE and REMSA to:
 - a. Monitor the response and performance of each agency providing Emergency Medical Services and provide recommendations to each agency for the maintenance, improvement, and long-range success of the Emergency Medical Services;
 - b. Coordinate and integrate provision of Medical Direction for RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE, and REMSA providing emergency medical services;
 - c. Recommend regional standards and, protocols for RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE, and REMSA;
 - d. Measure performance, analysis of system characteristics, data and outcomes of the Emergency Medical Services and provide performance measurement and recommendations to RENO, SPARKS WASHOE, and REMSA;
 - e. Provide for the annual collaboration of REMSA, RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE and DISTRICT on determining compliance with modifications or changes to the regional response time or first response capabilities of each agency, leading to the adoption of the Regional Emergency Medical Response Map showing the zones of services including sub-regions as may be requested by RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE or the DISTRICT; boundaries of automatic and mutual Emergency Medical Services aid based on agreement between agencies; and levels of both first response and medical transport services.
 - f. Provide an Annual Report on the State of Emergency Medical Services to RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE and REMSA over the preceding fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th) containing measured performance in each agency including both ground and rotary wing air ambulance services provided by REMSA in Washoe County; the compliance with performance measures established by the District Emergency Medical Services Oversight Program in each agency,; and audited financial statements and an annual

compliance report by REMSA as required in the exclusive Emergency Medical Ambulance Service Franchise.

- g. Maintain a Five Year Strategic Plan to ensure the continuous improvement of Emergency Medical Services in the area of standardized equipment, procedures, technology training, and capital investments to ensure that proper future operations continue to perform including Dispatching Systems, Automated Vehicle Locations Systems, Records Management Systems, Statistical Analysis, Regional Medical Supply and Equipment, and other matters related to strategic and ongoing Emergency Medical Services and approved by RENO, SPARKS and WASHOE.

B. The DISTRICT shall establish and maintain a Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board to:

1. Review reports, evaluations, and recommendations of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Oversight Program, discuss issues related to regional emergency services, and make recommendations. The Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board shall:
 - a. Be composed of the following members:
 - City Manager, Reno
 - City Manager, Sparks
 - County Manager, Washoe County
 - District Health Officer
 - Emergency Room Physician (DBOH Appointment)
 - Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Representative (DBOH Appointment)
 - b. Make recommendations to the District Health Officer and/or the District Board of Health related to performance standards and attainment of those standards, medical protocols, communication, coordination, and other items of importance to a high performing Regional Emergency Medical Services System, and providing for concurrent review and approval by RENO, SPARKS and WASHOE; a uniform system shall be maintained for the region whenever possible.

C. RENO, SPARKS, and WASHOE shall participate in the Regional Emergency Medical Services Medical Oversight Program by:

1. Providing information, records, and data on Emergency Medical Services dispatch and response from their respective Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and Fire Services for review, study and evaluation by DISTRICT.
2. Participating in working groups established by DISTRICT for coordination, review, evaluation, and continuous improvement of Emergency Medical Services.
3. Participating in establishing and utilizing a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) – to – CAD two-way interface with REMSA which provides for the instantaneous and simultaneous transmission of call-related information for unit status updates.

4. Working cooperatively with DISTRICT to provide input to the development of the Five Year Strategic Plan and to ensure consistent two-way communication and coordination of the Emergency Medical Services System between RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE, and REMSA in the future as technologies, equipment, systems, and protocols evolve.
5. Participating on the Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.
6. Implementing recommendations of DISTRICT, or submitting those recommendations to their governing bodies for consideration and possible action.
7. Submitting recommendations regarding the Emergency Medical Services System to DISTRICT for implementation or for consideration and possible action by the District Board of Health.

D. The DISTRICT shall coordinate a concurrent review of the status of the Regional Emergency Medical Services by REMSA with RENO, SPARKS and WASHOE prior to the approval of any modifications or Resolution to the Franchise Agreement and prior to any extension of the franchise period.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014, by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2014, by:

Geno R. Martini, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

Chester H. Adams, City Attorney