



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County  
**Department or Agency Name(s):** Department of Health Services  
**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Barbie Robinson, 565-7876  
**Vote Requirement:** Majority  
**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Recommended Action:**

- A) Approve the appointment of provider representatives KT McNulty, Jeff Schach, Todd Axberg to the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council for the term August 18, 2020 through August 31, 2023.
- B) Approve the reappointment of provider representatives Dean Anderson, Brad Silvestro, Jim Levy, Stephen Akre, Dr. Mark Lagrave, Bob Norrbom, and Mike Bates to the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council for the term August 18, 2020 through August 31, 2023.

**Executive Summary:**

This item requests that the Board of Supervisors approve the appointment of three members and the reappointment of seven members to the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council.

In accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.270, each county may establish an emergency medical care committee to review the operations of ambulance services, emergency medical care, and first aid practices in the county. In 1968, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors created the Emergency Medical Care Council to serve as an advisory committee on emergency medical services for Sonoma County. Bylaws to outline the purpose, membership, structure, and function of the committee were created and approved by the Board in 1990. The Emergency Medical Care Council has served in an advisory capacity to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and Coastal Valleys Emergency Medical Services Agency since that time.

**Discussion:**

The Emergency Medical Care Council performs the following activities in its advisory role to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and Coastal Valleys Emergency Medical Services Agency: 1) reviews all aspects of emergency medical services in Sonoma County, 2) provides system oversight and maintenance, 3) engages in long-term planning and coordination of public education and injury prevention activities as they relate to emergency medical services, and 4) reports annually to the Board of Supervisors.

The Emergency Medical Care Council consists of 17 voting members, including both consumers and providers of Emergency Medical Services. Normally, nominations of qualified applicants must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors within ninety days for selection and appointment. Due to the October 2019 fires and the emergency response to those fires, as well as the early and continued emergency response to the COVID pandemic, submission of nominations to the Board was delayed.

The seven consumer members consist of a representative from each of the five supervisorial districts and two at-large representatives. Consumer representatives serve on the Emergency Medical Care Council until a

replacement is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

The ten provider members consist of the following: 1) two representatives from hospitals providing basic emergency medical services (one emergency department physician and one emergency department nurse); 2) two representatives from ambulance provider agencies in Sonoma County (one must be from the franchise); 3) one representative from the authorized Emergency Medical Services Dispatch (Redwood Empire Dispatch Communications Authority (REDCOM)); 4) two representatives from field Emergency Medical Services personnel (at least one of whom must be a currently accredited paramedic); 5) two representatives from first responder agencies; and 6) one representative from a Sonoma County law agency. Provider members of the Emergency Medical Care Council serve for two-year terms.

### Provider Representatives - Appointments

In accordance with the Emergency Medical Care Council bylaws, the applicants below are being submitted to the Board of Supervisors for selection and appointment to fill vacant positions. As provider representatives, the term of these members is effective upon approval, August 18, 2020, through August 31, 2023.

Representation	Candidate	Affiliation
Communications Representative	KT McNulty	REDCOM
Hospital Representative	Todd Axberg	Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital
First Responder Representative	Jeff Schach	Petaluma Fire Department

### Provider Representatives - Reappointments

All currently serving provider representatives have been members of the Emergency Medical Care Council for a period greater than two years. As such, in accordance with the Emergency Medical Care Council bylaws, the applicants below are being submitted to the Board of Supervisors for selection and reappointment. As provider representatives, the term of these members is effective upon approval, August 18, 2020, through August 31, 2023.

Representation	Candidate	Affiliation
Ambulance Representative	Dean Anderson (Current Vice Chair)	American Medical Response/ Sonoma Life Support
Ambulance Representative	Bob Norrbom (Current Chair)	Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority
EMS Personnel	Jim Levy	Bodega Bay Fire Protection District
First Responder Representative	Stephen Akre	Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority
EMS Personnel	Brad Silvestro	Sonoma County Paramedic Association
Hospital Representative	Mark Lagrave	Kaiser Permanente Hospital
Law Enforcement Representative	Mike Bates	Rohnert Park Public Safety

The above-listed persons were selected by the Emergency Medical Care Council and the respective groups that they represent and have completed the membership process according to the bylaws. Coastal Valleys

Emergency Medical Services Agency is requesting the Board’s approval and appointment of these persons to the Emergency Medical Care Council.

**Prior Board Actions:**

On August 15, 2017 the Board approved the following appointments/reappointments to the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council: 1) appointment of consumer representatives Dave Smith and Linda Anderson; 2) reappointment of consumer representative Fred Seydel; 3) appointment of provider representatives Aaron Abbott, Brad Silvestro, Dave Kahn, Stephen Akre, and Mike Bates; and 4) reappointment of provider representatives Dean Anderson, Bob Norrbom, Jim Levy, Malissa Opulencia, and Mark Lagrave.

On July 11, 2017 the Board approved David Bynum as an alternate to the Emergency Medical Care Council for a two-year term beginning July 11, 2017 and ending July 11, 2019.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 20-21 Adopted</b>	<b>FY 21-22 Projected</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

None

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None