Legislation Text

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To: County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services
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Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:
Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council Appointments

Recommended Action:

A) Approve the appointment of provider representatives Erin Olson, KT McNulty, Evonne Stevens, Michael Raasch, and Arthur Hsieh to serve on the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council for the term January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.
B) Approve the appointment of consumer representatives Steve Suter and Eric Polan to serve on the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council for the term January 1, 2023 until a replacement is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Executive Summary:
The Sonoma County Department of Health Services (hereinafter “DHS”, or “The Department) requests that the Board of Supervisors approves appointment to five provider members seats, and two at-large consumer member vacancies within the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council (EMCC). This item also provides the results of an EMCC vote that resulted in the recommendation of two applicants to fill vacant at-large consumer seats on the EMCC.

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 (CVEMSA): 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. CVEMSA staff provide administrative support to the EMCC.

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 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 describe the purpose, membership, structure, and function of the committee were created and approved by the Board in 1990 and updated by the EMCC in 2022. Board of Supervisor’s approval is not required to update the Bylaws.

The EMCC consists of eighteen (18) voting members. Eleven (11) of those members are representatives from

Sonoma County's healthcare system and emergency medical services (EMS) stakeholder groups. While the remaining seven (7) are selected as consumer representatives, which includes one appointed from each supervisorial district and two at-large representatives.

The bylaws specify that provider/stakeholder member nominees are selected by their professional associations, the organization that they represent, or by consensus among the partner agencies. The bylaws permit the county's regional hospitals to recommend an emergency department nurse and emergency department physician for consideration by the EMCC. The EMCC votes among those recommended, to fill one nurse EMCC member seat (recommendation below) and one physician EMCC seat.

Appointment of Provider Members:

The individuals below have been selected by their organization or professional association to serve on the EMCC. The Department of Health Services recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the appointment of the following individuals selected by the professional association and endorsed by the EMCC to fill five provider/ stakeholder member vacancies:

1) The appointment of KT McNulty as Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) Ambulance Provider member due to leadership changes within the provider agency. Ms. McNulty represents American Medical Response West (AMR).

2) The appointment of Erin Olson as Hospital Provider Emergency Department Nurse due to a vacant seat. Pursuant to EMCC bylaws, Ms. Olson was voted on and approved unanimously by the EMCC. Ms. Olson represents Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital.

3) The appointment of Evonne Stevens as REDCOM Dispatch representative due to KT McNulty's move to EOA Ambulance Provider member. Ms. Stevens represents the REDCOM Board.

4) Appointment of Michael Raasch as Sonoma County Law Enforcement representative due to a vacant seat. Mr. Raasch represents the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association.

5) Appointment of Arthur Hsieh as Santa Rosa Junior College representative due to a revision in the bylaws adding a provider member seat. Mr. Hsieh represents Santa Rosa Junior College. (EMCC revised the bylaws at the April 24, 2022 meeting to add a provider/stakeholder voting seat representing the Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center.)

Appointment of Consumer Members:

The Department of Health Services recommends that the Board of Supervisors consider the recommendation of the EMCC to appoint the following individuals to fill two at-large consumer member vacancies:

1) Steve Suter - Nominated by the EMCC on a 12-3 vote

2) Eric Polan - Nominated by the EMCC on an 8-7 vote

At its July 25, 2022 meeting, the EMCC considered the application of four individuals to fill two vacant at-large consumer member seats. Current bylaws are unclear on the selection process for at-large consumer member seats, so the EMCC members agreed to a process that resulted in Steve Suter and Eric Polan being selected as the nominees to be recommended for appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

A table listing the full Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council membership is provided as Attachment 1.

Strategic Plan:
N/A

Prior Board Actions:
January 4, 2022 the Board approved the appointment of provider representatives Sean Sullivan and JohnRey Hassan to serve on the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council for the term October 24, 2021 through October 24, 2023.

On October 19, 2021 the Board approved the appointment of Jeffrey Snow to the Emergency Medical Care Council, 2021-1122 effective for the term of October 19, 2021 until a replacement is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

On September 22, 2020 the Board approved the reappointment of Fred Seydel to the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council serving a two-year term beginning September 22, 2020 and expiring September 22, 2022.

On September 1, 2020 the Board approved the appointment of Timothy D. Aboudara, Jr. to the Emergency Medical Care Council for a two-year term beginning September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2022.

On August 18, 2020 the Board approved 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 and B) approved 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.

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

Expenditures	**FY 22-23 Adopted**	**FY 23-24 Projected**	**FY 24-25 Projected**
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			

Total Sources	**0**	**0**	**0**

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:
There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	**Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)**	**Additions (Number)**	**Deletions (Number)**

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):
N/A

Attachments:
Attachment 1 - Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Council Membership

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:
None