

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 11

Date of Meeting: October 23, 2007

Date Submitted: October 17, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Vincent Long, Deputy County Administrator
Tom Quillin, Chief, Emergency Medical Services Division
Subject: Approval to Issue a Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services
Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Electronic Patient Care Reporting (ePCR) Software (Attachment # 1).

Background:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the lead federal agency for Emergency Medical Services, is in the process of developing the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS). NEMSIS is a data reporting system that establishes a nationwide data set that all state EMS programs are required to comply.

In an effort to become compliant with the federal requirements, the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, has developed the EMS Tracking and Reporting System (EMSTARS). EMSTARS establishes a common data set for all EMS providers in Florida and changes data reporting from aggregate data to specific data points. The purpose of both NEMSIS and EMSTARS is to provide standardized, objective information on the delivery of EMS. This information can establish benchmarks and identify trends in patient care that will be utilized for system improvements.

At the June 26, 2007 meeting, the Board accepted a \$63,000 Grant from the Florida Department of Health (DOH) toward the hardware necessary to migrate to an EMSTARS compliant ePCR system (Attachment # 2). Upgrading the current ePCR software is the next step in completing the process to becoming compliant with the EMSTARS program.

Analysis:

The current ePCR system in use by the EMS Division is not capable of reporting the data set as required under the NEMSIS or EMSTARS programs; migration to a new system is necessary in order to become compliant. The hardware necessary for this migration has been purchased with the grant money provided by the DOH.

The RFP for NEMSIS and EMSTARS compliant software is complete and, once approved by the Board, the selection process may begin. The RFP seeks a qualified firm to provide a hosted ePCR system that is NEMSIS and EMSTARS compliant. The proposed initial contract is for a three-year period and may be renewed annually thereafter at the County's option. Anticipated software costs associated with this project are included in the FY 07/08 budget. The RFP process will be managed by the Purchasing Division.

Options:

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1. Approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software.
2. Do not approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software.
3. Board Direction

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Recommendation:

Option # 1

Attachments:

1. Request for Proposal for Emergency Medical Services Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software.
2. June 26, 2007 Agenda Item and Follow Up

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- Item 7 Acceptance of Status Report from the Public Safety Coordinating Council on Establishing a Restorative Justice Program
(Public Services/Intergovernmental Affairs – Vincent Long/Ken Morris)
The Board approved Option #1: Accept the status report from Public Safety Coordinating Council on establishing a restorative justice program and take no further action.
- Item 8 Approval of the FY 2007-2008 Community Human Services Partnership Funding
(Public Services/Health & Human Services – Vincent Long/Don Lanham)
The Board approved Option #1: Approve the proposed FY 2007-2008 Community Human Services Partnership funding for social service agencies in the amount of \$749,950; authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreements with the funded agencies; and, authorize the County Administrator to modify the Agreements with the funded agencies, as necessary.
- Item 9 Adoption of Revisions to Policy No. 03-18, Grant for Active Duty Military Personnel
(Public Services/Health & Human Services – Vincent Long/Don Lanham)
The Board approved Option #1: Adopt the revisions to Policy No. 03-18, Grant for Active Duty Military Personnel.
- Item 10 Approval to Amend the Primary Healthcare Program Contracts with Bond Community Health Center and Neighborhood health Services (Public Services/Health & Human Services – Vincent Long/Don Lanham)
The Board approved Options #1, #2, and #3:
1. **Approve the amendment of the Primary Healthcare Program Contract with Bond Community Health Center, and authorize the Chairman to execute.**
 2. **Approve the amendment of the Primary Healthcare Program Contract with Neighborhood Health Services, and authorize the Chairman to execute.**
 3. **Require Neighborhood Health Services to submit a financial stability plan to the HCAB at the end of FY 2007/08.**
- Item 11 Approval to Issue a Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software
(Public Services/Emergency Medical Services – Vincent Long/Tom Quillin)
The Board approved Option #1: Approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software.
- Item 12 Approval to Submit Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services County Grant Application
(Public Services/Emergency Medical Services – Vincent Long/Tom Quillin)
The Board approved Option #1: Approve the submittal of the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services County Grant Application and associated Resolution, and authorize the Chairman to execute the application.
- Item 13 Ratification of Board Action Taken at the Tuesday, September 18, 2007 Workshop on Consideration of Options for Amending the Regulations Governing Policy 2.1.9 Subdivisions
(Planning – Vincent Long/Wayne Tedder)
ITEM #13 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION
- Item 14 Request to Schedule Two Public Hearings Regarding Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Leon County Land Development Code for December 11, 2007 and January 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
(Growth & Environmental Management – Vincent Long/David McDevitt)
The Board approved Option #1: Schedule Public Hearings for amending the