

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Behavioral Health Division Administration
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Supervisor Peggy Romo West, Chairperson, Health & Human Needs Committee

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SUBJECT: **From the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, an Informational Report on a Contract with the Village of Greendale to Provide Advanced Life Support for the Emergency Medical Services Program**

Issue

The Interim Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is providing an informational report on a contract with the Village of Greendale for the provision of paramedic services in Milwaukee County. The Village of Greendale will be joining eight other municipalities within Milwaukee County to provide this level of service.

Background and Rationale

Since 1974, Milwaukee County and the municipalities within its borders have worked together to provide the highest quality, life-saving services to the citizens of this county. The Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program, part of the Behavioral Health Division, has served to train, monitor and coordinate the delivery system for these services. In keeping with this tradition, EMS has forged a new partnership with the Village of Greendale that will allow it to expand the reach of the EMS delivery system, while continuing to ensure the efficient and effective fulfillment of the responsibilities of the EMS area.

Beginning July 1, 2011 and extending through December 31, 2013, the Village of Greendale is added to the consortium of eight other municipalities in the EMS system. Eight municipalities provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) services under an existing contract from July 1, 2011, extending through December 31, 2013.

The contract ensures that an effective, efficient and high quality emergency medical services system remains within the County of Milwaukee.

This arrangement provides infrastructure support through education, quality assurance, health information medical records, medical directions and communications in an efficient and effec-

tive manner that allows the municipalities to function as necessary to operate the above programs, as well as meet county, state, and federal guidelines. The addition of the Village of Greendale continues the market-based approach to the operations of the EMS system and allows the municipality the flexibility to meet local needs while maintaining a countywide EMS system that has received local, state and national recognition.

There is no fiscal impact of this action. The total amount of funds that EMS provides to municipalities will remain unchanged.

Recommendation

This is an informational report. No action is necessary.



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