

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: 2.19.2020

TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Christine Westrich, Director, Office of Emergency Management

SUBJECT: The Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requests authorization to execute an amendment to the 2017-2018 Intergovernmental Agreement with area municipalities for Emergency Medical Services with a five-year extension for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$1,500,000 annually

REQUEST

The Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requests authorization to execute Amendment No. 2 to the 2017-2018 Intergovernmental Agreement with area municipalities for Emergency Medical Services with a five-year extension for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$1,500,000 annually.

BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County has entered into Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with our local municipalities for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) effective for a period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 relating to the continued provision of a coordinated deliver system of EMS services to the residents of the County and others.

This 2017 IGA stipulated that municipalities which participated in the 2017 Capital Budget Project of Public Safety Interoperability WO30301 would be granted a two-year extension of the agreement. An IGA amendment was signed by each municipality with 100% participation in the project thereby extending the IGA through December 31, 2020.

The countywide EMS system has further proved its united partnership by the 2020 Adopted Capital Budget's investment in the Cardiac Monitor Project WO27301 for countywide defibrillators.

The uniformity and innovation of the countywide EMS system is led by the Office of Emergency Management to include adoption of EMS principles found in the national "EMS Agenda 2050" which is a people-centered vision used nationwide. These principles are executed in OEM's patient-centered standards of care and are even more evident in the recent best-practice adoption of populating the patient care record field of race to which each patient identifies, creating a baseline of trusted data for research that is focused on eliminating unconscious bias in the occupations of all first responders.

The Office of Emergency Management is guiding our municipalities in ensuring access to care, quality of care, and outcomes are not determined by age, socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity, geography or other social determinants. This maxim is evident in the leadership of OEM and each municipal Fire Department and brings all EMS providers and their patients closer to the County vision of becoming the healthiest County in Wisconsin.

The Amendment No. 2 provides updates to municipal data to include paramedic ambulances, licensed paramedics, population, square miles and paramedic transports numbers. Per Wisconsin State Statute 59.794, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC) has approved execution of this amendment to include the funding distribution formula, which now annotates paramedic coverage in communities without advanced life support.

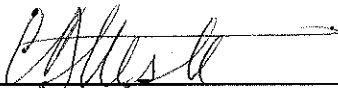
The term of Amendment No. 2 is between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2025, and allows for the continuation of countywide EMS initiatives, advancing hospital healthcare commensurate with like urban environments while also sustaining the legacy partnership between the County and municipalities to achieve the best possible patient outcome for the residents and visitor of Milwaukee County

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to approve the Director of the Office of Emergency Management's request to execute a five-year extending amendment to the 2017-2018 Intergovernmental Agreement with area municipalities for the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, for the provision of Emergency Medical Services with an annual Milwaukee County funds of \$1,500,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement continues the current annual stipend of \$1,500,000 to all advanced life support municipalities within Milwaukee County in the years 2021 through 2025.



Christine Westrich
Director, Office of Emergency Management

Attachments: RESOLUTION
FISCAL NOTE
2021 AMENDMENT NO. 2
2017 IGA SAMPLE
2017 IGA AMENDMENT SAMPLE

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