



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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Approve the Monterey County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Plan for the years 2019 through 2021 and authorize the Emergency Medical Services Agency Director to submit the EMS Plan to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the Monterey County EMS Plan for the years 2019 through 2021 and authorize the Emergency Medical Services Agency Director to submit the EMS Plan to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

State law requires any county that establishes an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program to develop a local EMS Plan and file it with the California EMS Authority (EMSA). Monterey County's initial EMS Plan was filed with the State in 1984, under the State EMS System Standards and Guidelines in effect at that time. The most recent Monterey County EMS Plan (2018) was submitted and approved by the Board on April 30, 2019. The next EMS Plan was to be due on September 30, 2020, but, on August 18, 2020, EMSA issued a memorandum providing an extension to the usual deadline for plan submission. This memorandum granted a 180-day extension from the date of cessation of the State's declared emergency on the coronavirus pandemic for submission of EMS plans. On December 14, 2020, EMSA issued a subsequent memorandum rescinding August 18, 2020, memorandum and providing additional clarification regarding the deadline extension. On July 13, 2022, EMSA issued a third memorandum announcing that the December 14, 2020 memorandum was to be rescinded as of August 1, 2022, and established requirements for local EMS agencies to submit updated EMS Plans.

The Monterey County EMS Plan that is submitted for your Board's approval today represents the thirteenth comprehensive revision of the County's EMS Plan since the current State EMS System Standards and Guidelines were published in June of 1993. This submission covers the calendar years 2019 through 2021, the years during which the EMSA suspended plan submission due dates.

The EMS Plan for 2019 through 2021 contains an updated executive summary, an updated table of contents, and updated data within the tables.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan initiatives 2) Enhance public health and safety through prevention and 4) engage the MCHD workforce and improve operational functions to meet current and developing population health needs. It also supports at least two of the ten essential public health services, specifically, 7) Link people to needed personal health services and assures the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable and 9) Evaluates effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Board Report as to form.

FINANCING:

There are no General Fund Impacts resulting from this Board action.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Attachments:

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Emergency Medical Services Plan 2019 Through 2021