



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 10/8/13
Agenda Item #: B.1
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 9/25/13

Agenda Title: **Informational Briefing on Proposed Ordinance Amending MCC §21.416, Prohibited Activities**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: October 8, 2013 **Time Needed:** 30 Minutes
Department: Health **Division:** Health Officer / EMS
Contact(s): Darrell Knott, EMS Administrator
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Dr. Justin Denny, Health Officer; Darrell Knott, County Emergency Medical Services Administrator

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Consider a County Code change to allow approved alternative transport for emergency patients.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Program # 40004 – Ambulance Services (EMS)

The County's Health Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program is responsible for EMS system planning and ambulance service regulation. The Program anticipates changes in the way ambulance services will be delivered and funded due to health care reform.

Multnomah County Code, Chapter 21.416(H), currently limits County-contracted ambulance destinations and transportation methods of 9-1-1 emergency patients to hospital emergency departments. The Program is seeking through this Code change to explore pilot projects for alternate forms of patient transportation to alternate medical facilities. Following processes approved by the Program, ambulance and fire service paramedics will have the ability to offer certain 9-1-1 emergency patients more choices for modes of transportation and medical facility destinations. Successful pilot projects will be

considered for incorporation into the County's Ambulance Service Plan and EMS operations.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

The fiscal impact of this considered Code change is neutral to the County. The proposed Code change will not change the EMS Program budget. Pilot programs are projected to be cost neutral to the 9-1-1 patients.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Patient participation in pilot programs is voluntary and patients must give informed consent prior to any alternate transport. 9-1-1 patients qualifying for the pilot program retain the right to be transported to hospital emergency departments by County-contracted ambulances.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The EMS Program is working with community partners and stakeholders in exploring innovations that will provide appropriate, patient-centered care to EMS patients.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

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