



To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator
Date: August 3, 2018
Subject: Significant Issues Update

1) County Administrator's update on contracts

- The Department of Human Resources, a contract with Ralph Andersen and Associates, a service agreement to conduct recruitment for Health Services Administrator - Clinics, \$29,950, from June 17, 2018 to December 16, 2018. The funding source is County General Fund.
- The Department of Human Resources, a contract with W. Brown Creative Partners, a service agreement to conduct recruitment for Chief Information Officer, \$29,950, from July 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019. The funding source is County General Fund.
- The County Administrator's Office, First 5 Solano, a contract with River Delta Unified School District, to provide assistance with the administration of the Pre-K Academy, \$30,000, from May 1, 2018 to December 30, 2020. The funding source is State allocated Prop. 10 Tobacco Tax.
- The Department of Human Resources, a contract with the application developer, JobAps, Inc., which includes the annual license fees, maintenance and technical support of employment application software, \$45,999, from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. The funding source is County General Fund.

2) Update on increasing naloxone distribution in Solano County

In 2017, Solano County Health and Social Services, Public Health and Medical Services Divisions applied for the Naloxone Grant Program from the California Department of Public Health to receive an allotment of naloxone product for community distribution. In April 2018, we received 390 kits of naloxone nasal spray (Narcan®). We plan to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guideline to distribute the kits to our high-risk homeless population through our Healthcare for the Homeless and the Homeless Outreach programs. We also plan to provide naloxone education and product from our HIV mobile van. We will notify local law enforcement of our distribution plan and track product distribution and inquire about reversal stories in the community. A measure of success for this harm reduction program is the amount of naloxone distributed to the community. All the naloxone from this grant will be completely distributed by September 2018 and Public Health will be following the result of this grant and will be looking for options going forward.

Naloxone rapidly reverses the effects of opioids and is not a controlled substance. It can be administered as an injection or as a nasal spray by laypersons. Wide distribution of naloxone within a community is an effective strategy to reduce opioid overdoses and deaths and is a nationally recognized best practice. One of the most effective methods to prevent an opioid-related death is getting naloxone into the hands of

those who are most likely to witness an opioid overdose. California laws allow for the distribution of naloxone to community members in this manner by a doctor's standing order.

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3) Update on Exclusive Operating Area for emergency ambulance services in Solano County

The Solano Emergency Medical Services Cooperative (SEMSC) was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1996 through the adoption of Solano County Ordinance 1527. The SEMSC is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) serving as the Local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency. The jointly approved JPA Agreement was passed by resolutions of each of the signature member jurisdictions. It assumes all authority and responsibility for EMS matters permitted or required by statute or regulation. The SEMSC Board is comprised of seven members representing a broad cross section of the EMS community.

Prior to 1999 the County had a practice of rotating ambulance calls through to a cooperative. In 1999 the County implemented the use of an exclusive ambulance provider, Medic Ambulance, for both its 9-1-1 ambulance services as well as Advanced Life Support (ALS) inter-facility ambulance transports. The City of Vacaville is the only exception; Vacaville utilizes their City Fire Department resources for 9-1-1 ambulance services.

The current Master Services Agreement for Emergency ALS Ambulance Services ends in May, 2020. The services of a consulting firm specializing in EMS operations and law, Page, Wolfberg, and Wirth, (see attached), has been engaged by the SEMSC to assist in the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) and the solicitation and selection process. The process will be conducted in three phases. Phase I is a combined EMS System Review and Stakeholder Engagement process. Phase II is the RFP Development and Publication Process. Phase III is the Proposal Evaluation and Contract Implementation period. The three phases will be carried out between June 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019 followed by a new contract negotiation to be completed prior to May, 2020.

The first Stakeholder Meeting for Phase I was conducted on July 12, 2018, where matters such as response times, performance, and penalties; fees and charges; evidence based medicine and medical outcomes; and the scope of the exclusive operating area were discussed with a broad cross-section of first response, healthcare, and community partners. Separate meetings with City Managers, Fire Chiefs, Healthcare System Administrators, and other specialty groups are being scheduled to occur between now and September 28, 2018, when the next Open-invitation Stakeholder Meeting will be conducted.

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4) Update on the Senior Coalition of Solano County

The Senior Coalition of Solano County was established by the Board in May 2006 to serve as an Advisory Board on issues affecting the County's senior population. The mission of the Coalition "is to advocate for and support efforts that improve and enrich the lives of seniors living and working in Solano County." Rochelle Sherlock was hired as a consultant to support the Coalition in 2007, and over the next ten years she helped the Coalition develop multiple legislative platforms and strategic plans, as well as to implement their Bylaws with Board of Supervisors approval and concurrence. Since 2006, the Coalition has evolved and greatly expanded the scope and number of programs and activities it oversaw and participated in. These have included activities regarding fall prevention among the elderly, such as the

Fall Prevention Partnership, a fall prevention strategic plan, education and outreach, a fall prevention video and a Senior Fitness Festival. The Coalition has also overseen the Living Legacy Awards, the Centenarian Celebration, multiple educational workshops, the Mini-Medical School, SAVVY Savings Seniors program and the Bridging Opportunities initiative; and, it has participated in the Senior Poverty Summits, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Summits, and Elder Abuse Forums.

Following Ms. Sherlock's resignation in 2017 as its coordinator, the Coalition has undergone some instability, with substantial turnover in the coalition membership and selection of new executive leadership. In the past year, it has re-evaluated the scope and number of its activities. Deloris Roach assumed the role of coordinator for the Coalition in late 2017. The majority of coalition members currently serving on the Coalition are doing so informally, as many of the city and supervisorial district appointments are vacant and the at-large members have not been approved by the Board since about 2009; there are seven appointed members at present.

At the same time, the Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano Counties is actively undergoing a transition from the non-profit entity that served in this role through June 2018 to the Counties of Napa and Solano, contributing significantly to confusion and uncertainty regarding services for Solano seniors. A new Advisory Committee for the Area Agency on Aging is legally required and will need to be established in FY 2018-19 as the new Area of Aging structure transitions from state emergency contracts to the new agency. This transitional period provides the Board of Supervisors and County staff with an opportunity to focus on the issues affecting Solano seniors in a comprehensive and strategic manner, better coordinating the many services and activities being provided to address those issues.

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