

**CITY OF GOODYEAR  
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

<p><b>SUBJECT: Mobile Integrated Health Care - Community Paramedicine Program Updates</b></p>	<p><b>STAFF PRESENTER:</b> Paul Luizzi, Fire Chief</p> <p><b>CASE NUMBER:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>OTHER PRESENTER:</b> N/A</p>
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Fire Chief will provide Council with information on a new revenue opportunity with Phoenix Health Plan Inc. as it relates to Mobile Integrated Health Program - Community Paramedicine (MIHP-CP).

The Fire Chief will also provide updates and progress on the Community Paramedicine regional pilot program and ambulance services in the region.

**PURPOSE:**

The Fire Chief will provide information to Council on a newly negotiated revenue contract with Phoenix Health Plan Inc. and will provide an update on our progress with the regional pilot project.

**BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

Regarding the new revenue opportunity with Phoenix Health Plan Inc. as it relates to MIHP-CP, during the Work Session of December 14, 2015, and the Council Meeting of May 23, 2016, the Fire Chief outlined and reviewed an innovative opportunity which provides the link between the hospital partners and our Fire Service-Based EMS system. The fire department is uniquely positioned to provide trained medical personnel and already has a previously established community infrastructure. Furthermore, the MIHP-CP Program allows the regional partners to focus on broader healthcare issues while directly improving the medical and public health system allowing emergency vehicles to deal directly with emergent calls.

Regarding the Community Paramedicine regional pilot program and ambulance services in the region, on June 1, 2016, the department was notified that they had received a \$120,000 service agreement for a regional pilot project. The fire department, legal department and partnering agencies have constructed the contract for Council. We anticipate the funding to last for one calendar year once patients are seen. Approval of this revenue contract will allow the city to continue providing an evolving model of community-based health care. This model will be one in which emergency responders facilitate appropriate use of emergency care resources and/or enhance access to primary care for medically underserved populations. This opportunity will allow us to continue our pilot program for an additional 12 months.

The MIHP-CP Program provides health services to the underserved elderly citizens that frequently use the 911 system for non-emergency care. This also includes chronic condition-patient populations under Fire Service Based medical direction, while acting as the patient's advocate to better connect them to a variety of health services outside the hospital emergency department. This program has shown value in freeing up vital emergency room beds which fosters a more efficiently operated emergency medical services.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

This additional revenue contract will allow the city and four other partnering communities to continue the community paramedicine program pilot. The pilot project staff goals are; reducing the burden on the 911 system, creating more fiscal responsibility with tax payer dollars, decreasing unnecessary emergency room visits, opportunities for regional collaboration to maximize resources and creating a public/private partnership. On June 1, 2016 the department was notified that they had received a service agreement for a regional pilot project for \$120,000. The fire department, legal department and partnering agencies have constructed the contract for Council. We anticipate the funding to last for one calendar year once we begin seeing patients.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The pilot project is supplied by Phoenix Health Plan Inc. who is owned by Tenet Healthcare and requires no match by the city. The grant will fund the development of training programs, provider training and the actual process of meeting with patients in the different cities. Salary costs and other associated equipment costs will be covered under the grant for all of the participating cities. We anticipate this allowing us to sustain the program for up to one calendar year.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Community Paramedicine Agreement