

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONNECTOR FOR THE TERM OF MARCH 10, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$376,380

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2019, the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) released a grant funding opportunity to develop and implement interoperable health information exchange (HIE) between emergency ambulance service providers and hospitals/electronic health records via HIE organizations; and

WHEREAS, this local assistance grant funding opportunity promotes interoperability and supports collaborative solutions to integrate prehospital emergency medical services as a critical component of the health care system into the HIE landscape consistent with state directors from California Department of Health Care Services and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; and

WHEREAS, EMSA conducted a successful grant pilot program with San Diego Health Connect (SDHC) to develop and implement an emergency medical services connector for San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, EMSA recommended grant applicants include the work already completed by SDHC in their grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) division of San Mateo County Health (SMCH) submitted an EMSA grant application that included using the SDHC solution and was awarded the grant; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019, the Board approved the grant with EMSA including the County's receipt of associated funding; and

WHEREAS, SDHC's emergency medical services connector will allow hospitals, emergency department (ED) and 911 system first responders, and ambulance providers the ability to connect to other healthcare stakeholders through SMCH's HIE; and

WHEREAS, SDHC's emergency medical services connector will improve quality of care by securely transferring patient information within the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the EMSA-SAFR (Search, Alert, File, Reconcile) grant is to improve coordination between paramedics in the field and the receiving ED through the EMSA-SAFR process; and

WHEREAS, SEARCH allows paramedics to first check the HIE for patient matches and then to query the HIE for problems, medications, allergies, and encounters that are then input into their electronic patient care reporting (ePCR) application; and

WHEREAS, once a receiving hospital has been assigned, ALERT streams the paramedic's narrative findings, EKGs, and vital signs to the ED's electronic medical record (EMR) where they can be viewed real-time by nurses and physicians; and

WHEREAS, FILE streamlines the transition-of-care/handoff process at the ED by electronically transferring the complete National Emergency Medical Services Information System record into the hospital EMR; and

WHEREAS, RECONCILE automatically sends updated patient demographics, billing information, and eOutcomes from the hospital back to the ePCR and prehospital provider agencies; and

WHEREAS, this final step allows EMS and its 911 system first responder and ambulance transport providers to evaluate care choices and make improvements; and

WHEREAS, SMCH is requesting the Board waive the Request for Proposals process as the implementation of the EMSA-SAFR services were approved within the grant between EMSA and the County of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Code Section 2.83.170 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to waive the RFP process in any situation where the Board of Supervisors determines that the best interest of the County could be served without the necessity of a proposal; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined it is in the best interest of the County to waive the RFP process; and

WHEREAS, SDHC and the County wish to enter into an agreement to provide technical expertise and an EMS connector for the term of March 10, 2020 through September 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$376,380; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with a form of the agreement and has examined and approved it as both form and content, and desires to enter into the agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of the Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee is authorized to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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