



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: August 27, 2019

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Mins

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to County Counsel to Develop a Sales Tax Ordinance to Support County-Wide Ambulance Service

(Sponsor: Supervisors McCowen and Williams (Fire and EMS Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee))

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct County Counsel to develop a sales tax ordinance to support county-wide ambulance service and to work with partners on enabling Community Paramedicine.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

Ambulance service is crumbling. The City of Ukiah recently announced their departure from participation in the County's Exclusive Operating Area plan. Rural ambulance services are finding it increasingly difficult to staff. Many times, throughout the county, ambulances are in short supply, creating delays which can be fatal for patients. A tax is one component of re-envisioning our emergency medical response. Community paramedicine an innovative and evolving model of community-based healthcare designed to provide more effective and efficient services at a lower cost. Community paramedicine allows paramedics to function outside their traditional emergency response and transport roles to help facilitate more appropriate use of emergency care resources while enhancing access to primary care for medically underserved populations.

Alternative Action/Motion:

None.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A
current f/y cost: N/A
annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A
if no, please describe:
revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 29, 2019

Final Status: Direction Given to Staff

