

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an agreement with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan for the provision of targeted destination ambulance services.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), to execute an agreement with the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., for the term September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2019, to provide targeted-destination ambulance services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. All funds received under this agreement are deposited into the LAFD's Targeted-Destination Ambulance Services Revenue Trust Fund (Kaiser Fund, Fund No. 335) for enhancement of emergency medical services. The LAFD estimates that approximately \$800,000 to \$1 million in Trust Fund revenue will be generated annually and \$4 to \$5 million during the term of this five-year agreement.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated February 26, 2015 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that LAFD requests authority to execute the proposed agreement with the Kaiser Foundation. On December 2, 2014, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved LAFD's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

The CAO reports that the agreement allows LAFD to continue to transport a Kaiser patient upon their request, directly to a Kaiser facility and bypass a closer medical facility. The terms of the agreement stipulate that patients who are members of Kaiser Health Plan, who are not in extremis or otherwise unstable condition would benefit from being transported directly to a Kaiser facility rather than to the nearest hospital emergency department and then to a Kaiser facility. The LAFD shall make every effort to transport eligible patients to a facility operated by Kaiser or an organization affiliated with Kaiser. Under the proposed Agreement, the starting rate for transports is increased to \$141.67 per transport, in addition to the normal transport fee.

At its meeting held February 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with LAFD staff. LAFD representatives expressed support for the proposed agreement indicating that the relationship with Kaiser has been beneficial to the Department. Kaiser pays the full transport fee in addition to the targeted destination fee for transporting a patient to a Kaiser hospital. The Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAFD to execute the proposed agreement, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES

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