

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a one-year professional services agreement with a physician from Overlake Hospital to provide medical supervision and direction to the Bellevue Fire Department Medic One Program in the amount of \$110,000, plus all applicable taxes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes execution of an agreement with a physician from Overlake Hospital in the amount of \$110,000 to provide medical supervision and direction for the Bellevue Fire Department Medic One Program. This physician would serve as the position of Bellevue Fire Department Medical Program Director.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No.10182

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The position of Bellevue Fire Department Medical Program Director operates as a private consultant for the City of Bellevue Fire Department, which functions under the medical control authority of the King County Emergency Medical Services Medical Program Director and at the direction of the Bellevue Fire Chief or his designee.

The Bellevue Fire Department Medical Program Director position has been in effect since the inception of Bellevue Medic One. The position operates as a private consultant for the City of Bellevue Fire Department, which functions under the medical control authority of the King County Emergency Medical Services Medical Program Director and at the direction of the Bellevue Fire Chief or his designee.

Specific responsibilities of the position include the following.

Responsibilities: The Bellevue Fire Department Medical Program Director shall be responsible for medical control and provide medical supervision services for the Bellevue Fire Department Medic One Program. Specific responsibilities of the position include:

1. Assuring the Base Hospital, Overlake Hospital Medical Center (OHMC), provides consistent on-line medical control to Bellevue Fire Department paramedics:
 - a. Educate OHMC Emergency Department physicians about the Bellevue Medic One Program's protocols, procedures, and Advanced Life Support patient care guidelines. Provide orientation to new emergency department physicians before their assignment as on call Base Hospital Medical Control Physician.

- b. Encourage OHMC Emergency Department physicians and nurses to “ride-along” on Medic Units to improve their knowledge and understanding of the Bellevue Medic One Program.
 - c. Act as liaison between Emergency Department staff and paramedics to enhance teamwork and facilitate conflict resolution when needed.
 - d. Act as liaison between Emergency Department physicians and EMS Training staff to aid in facilitating training exercises.
 - e. Facilitate interaction between Emergency Department staff, Bellevue Fire Department and others interacting with EMS patients to develop professional relationships and encourage interaction for improving patient care.
2. Supervising the development and implementation of a quality assurance/improvement process for the Bellevue Medic One program:
 - a. Review Bellevue Medic One Electronic Healthcare Records (EHR’s). Provide feedback to paramedics regarding patient care, patient transport, written documentation, and patient outcome. Identify specific cases or topics for presentation at continuing medical education classes.
 - b. Review the Medic One program’s strengths and weaknesses and assist in developing corrective action plans, emphasizing risk management and adherence to patient care standards.
 - c. Assist in setting ALS program goals and evaluating program effectiveness by evaluating data to include, but not limited to, cardiac survival, intubation success, and Washington Core Measures to help improve patient outcomes.
 - d. Manage concerns originating from patients, medical professionals, citizens, or outside agencies regarding pre-hospital or hospital medical care.
 - e. Provide written and/or oral communication to paramedics and their direct supervisors (Medical Services Officers, Commander of the Emergency Medical Services Division, and King County Medical Program Director) on individual paramedic performance when requested and/or when recognized by outside providers.
3. Providing Continuing Medical Education for paramedics at regularly scheduled “Medic Meetings” and other training opportunities:
 - a. Coordinate training on “run review” cases and continuing medical education topics. Present “run review” cases related to quality assurance.
 - b. Suggest topics for King County Continuing Medical Education classes to Harborview Paramedic Training.
 - c. Provide on-going review of the Seattle and King County Paramedic Guidelines and instruct paramedics on program protocols, procedures, medications, and triage policies.
4. Supporting the Bellevue Fire Department by functioning as an advocate and medical resource to advise the City of Bellevue and provide input on the following:
 - a. Review and provide information regarding proposed research and evaluation studies.

- b. Review continuing medical education hours for the Paramedics, I.V. & intubation skills and recertification test scores and recommend individual paramedics for recertification to the University of Washington Paramedic Training Program.
 - c. Participate in the Bellevue Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Division's paramedic selection process.
 - d. Support the Emergency Medical Services Division and firefighter/paramedics during the certification/recertification process.
 - e. Act as an advocate for the Medic One Program on local EMS issues within the community (i.e.; mutual aid, disaster planning, MCI, hazmat response and prevention).
 - f. Assist in Fire Department disaster planning as requested.
5. Attending designated meetings as representative for the Bellevue Medic One Program.
- a. Meet with the EMS Quality Assurance Committee, and Training Coordinator.
 - b. Attend monthly EMS Division Meetings.
 - c. Meet with the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief of Operations, and EMS Division Commander as needed.
 - d. Attend quarterly meetings with King County Paramedic Provider Agencies, Medical Program Directors, and with the King County EMS Division Manager.
6. Participate in a "ride-along" with each medic once per year.
- a. The ride will include providing hands on oversight during responses, individual run reviews, and predetermined training modules.
7. Dedicate one day per week to Bellevue Medic One.
- a. The time frame will include eight hours with flexibility on which days.
 - b. Activities will include run review, training exercises, mentorship, and other program oversight.
8. Terms of Agreement
- a. Contract will be effective through December 31, 2023.
 - b. The specific Physician from Overlake Hospital will be determined prior to December 31, 2022 via an interview process and the contract will be with that individual.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$90,000.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing this contract and no new funding is needed to execute this contract. This professional services contract with a physician from Overlake Hospital commits us to pay \$110,000 a year for the services. The offsetting revenue is provided by King County Medical Services from Levy funds for our ALS program.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a one-year professional services agreement with a physician from Overlake Hospital to provide medical supervision and direction to the Bellevue Fire Department Medic One Program in the amount of \$110,000, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10182

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Proposed Professional Services Contract with Physician from Overlake Hospital