

SKAGIT COUNTY EMS DELIVERY MODEL ADVISORY GROUP

PROPOSAL: CREATE AN INFORMATION/DATA SUBGROUP

16 May 2016

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The Advisory Group would establish a subgroup to seek, collect, organize, and synthesize information and data that the Group needs to be able to reach agreement on a future model for the delivery of emergency medical services in Skagit County.

ASSUMPTION:

This proposal is based on the assumption that there will be a lot of valuable information in this process, including information whose existence is known and may easily come to the Advisory Group and information that the Group is not yet aware of but should be strategically identified and sought. The volume could be overwhelming, and some of the information could be contradictory. To allow the Advisory Committee to efficiently obtain and use information that is most relevant and accurate, the subgroup would vet and present it in an understandable, meaningful, and useful manner. The subgroup's work should not prevent Group members from independently obtaining and reviewing information of particular interest to them, although it would be helpful to share that information and its sources with the rest of the Advisory Group.

KEY FEATURES OF THE SUBGROUP:

- Include 7-9 members with expertise or experience in data collection and analysis, particularly in emergency medical services.
- Include representatives of the parties who serve on the Advisory Group, including staff people who are not themselves members of the Group.
- Fulfill its initial mandate by the Advisory Group's fourth meeting on 27 June 2016, at which time the Group will begin to examine and discuss service delivery options.
- Facilitator Jim Reid will staff the subgroup as he does the Advisory Group.

AN ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL DUTY:

Recommend performance measurements that the Advisory Group could include in its recommendations to the Skagit County Commission. These measures could be the means of monitoring progress in implementing whatever model or program the Commission adopts.

ADVISORY GROUP INTERESTS THAT MAY BE ACHIEVED BY THIS PROPOSAL:

On April 25th the Advisory Group approved ten mutual interests. Interests 7 and 8, which address the Group's process, appear to be most relevant in evaluating this proposal.

7. Make decisions based on facts, information, and best practices.
8. In discussing the future of the system, have thoughtful, respectful, and civil deliberations.