

SKAGIT COUNTY EMS DELIVERY MODEL ADVISORY GROUP

Monday, 18 July 2016

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE LATER ADJOURNMENT TIME

Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mt. Vernon, WA

DRAFT AGENDA

THIS MEETING'S GOALS:

1. BEGIN TO DEFINE A COMMON VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN SKAGIT COUNTY.
 2. REACH AGREEMENT ON THE GOVERNANCE MODELS OR ALTERNATIVES THAT THE ADVISORY GROUP WILL ANALYZE IN AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER BEFORE AGREEING ON ONE OF THEM AS THE FUTURE EMS GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.
 3. DETERMINE THE PROCESS FOR FURTHER DEFINING THE SELECTED GOVERNANCE MODELS.
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NOTES:

- *Coffee and light refreshments will be served at 9:00. Please come early to enjoy them and be ready to convene the meeting promptly at 9:30.*
- *Lunch will be served at 11:40. We will take ten minutes to get our meal and then resume the discussions over a working lunch.*

9:30 Review Agenda, Ground Rules, and Context for This Meeting - **Jim Reid**, Facilitator

9:35 Our Vision for the Future - **Advisory Group**

At our second meeting in May, we identified some weaknesses in the current EMS system. One was the lack of a shared vision among all the interested, involved, or affected parties.

So that we may first understand the direction we are heading together and the outcomes we seek to achieve, each of us will have the opportunity to articulate our vision of the future of EMS in Skagit County 5-10 years from now. After everyone has spoken, we'll highlight the commonalities to begin to define a shared vision. This could be the beginning of a countywide EMS strategic or business plan, which

was something the current providers recommended during their 16 May presentation.

Additional ground rules for this discussion:

1. Each Advisory Group member may **take up to 3 minutes** to present her/his vision.
 2. In presenting your vision, try as best you can to frame it in terms of the outcomes you expect or desire.
 3. During the presentations, no questions or comments will be accepted.
 4. You are encouraged to rely upon prepared notes when presenting your remarks to ensure you stay within the three-minute limit.
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- *What is your vision of the future of the Emergency Management System in Skagit County 5-10 years from now?*
 - *What outcomes do you seek? What qualities will define or characterize the system? "Five to ten years from now, I want the EMS System to (do this, be this, include this, or be known for this...)."*
 - *What were the common themes we heard? Are they the beginning of a shared vision of the EMS System's future?*

11:05 break

11:10 Reach Agreement on Criteria to Evaluate Models - **Advisory Group**

- *What criteria should we use to select the governance models that we want to further research, analyze, and discuss?*
 - **HANDOUT:** A few criteria based on the Advisory Group's Mutual Interests, previous discussions, and other sources will be distributed at the meeting to get the conversation going.

11:40 break to get lunch

11:50 Reach Agreement on Governance Models - **Advisory Group**

- *What are the governance models that have been mentioned by Advisory Group members or in commissioned reports or have been used by other similar systems?*
 - **HANDOUT:** Seven governance models.
- *By applying the criteria, can any of these models immediately be eliminated from consideration?*
- *By applying the criteria, which of these models appear to be worthy of further consideration by the Advisory Group?*
- *Is there agreement on a set of governance models to further research, define, analyze, and discuss?*

12:30 Next Steps in the Process - **Advisory Group**

- *What process shall we use to further define the governance models so that they may be presented to and discussed by the Group at our next meeting?*

12:50 Public Comments - **Guests**

- *Are there any comments about a future vision of EMS in Skagit County or about the governance models that the Advisory Group has considered and selected?*

1:00 Adjourn

The Advisory Group's Next Meeting is:

Monday, 8 August 2016, 9:30 – Noon
Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mt. Vernon

ATTACHMENT:
A reference for the visioning and criteria discussions

THE PARTIES' MUTUAL INTERESTS

Approved by the Advisory Group Members on 25 April 2016

These are the ten mutual interests of the Skagit County Emergency Medical Services Delivery Model Advisory Group members. The Advisory Group reached agreement on them at its first meeting on April 25th. These interests will serve as the foundation for working to reach agreement on the future of emergency medical services in Skagit County.

1. Deliver high quality services.
2. Provide the right level of services at the right time to the right place.
3. Ensure the system is sustainable, efficient, and accountable.
4. Ensure that response times to service calls are appropriate given the location.
5. Provide stability and certainty to employees, patients, and the public.
6. Make service delivery and decision-making as simple as possible.
7. Make decisions based on facts, information, and best practices.
8. In discussing the future of the system, have thoughtful, respectful, and civil deliberations.
9. Any changes to the system should be made in an orderly manner over time.
10. Preserve the volunteer and community-based elements of the system