

SKAGIT COUNTY EMS DELIVERY MODEL ADVISORY GROUP

Monday, 29 August 2016, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

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

DRAFT AGENDA

THIS MEETING'S GOALS:

1. PRESENT THE WORKGROUP'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION FROM ITS ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OF THREE GOVERNANCE MODELS.
 2. COMPLETE THE ASSESSMENT OF THE MODELS BY APPLYING THE REST OF THE CRITERIA.
 3. LEARN IF THE ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR A GOVERNANCE MODEL.
 4. IDENTIFY NEXT STEPS TO FINALIZE THE PROCESS IN SEPTEMBER.
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NOTE:

- *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.*

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

9:40 Present Pros and Cons of Three Governance Models – **Workgroup Members**

At the last meeting on August 8th, the Advisory Group agreed to eliminate two governance models from further consideration and continue analyzing three governance models. The Advisory Group asked the workgroup that it established on July 18th to conduct this analysis and bring the results to today's meeting.

The workgroup members are Mayors Jill Boudreau and Laurie Gere, and Richard Curtis, Mark Raaka, Eron Berg, Kirk Hale, Shane Sanderson, Mike Noyes, Dean Shelton, and Tony Smith. They met on August 22nd, and were joined by Melinda Miller, the County's Chief Civil Deputy Attorney, and Bryan Brice, Mt. Vernon's new Fire Chief.

Workgroup members intended to apply the eleven criteria (including "GEMT Eligible") to the models to identify the pros and cons of each one. This turned out to be a formidable task as the workgroup needed two hours to discuss the first three criteria. Their challenge was made even bigger because they took into consideration fourteen questions that the Advisory Group had asked them to answer. During the workgroup's meeting, some of the questions were directly answered, while others were indirectly answered and a few were not discussed.

- *In attempting to answer questions about the Countywide EMS District Model and the County EMS Department Model, what details did the workgroup add to more fully define them?*
- *Based on the workgroup's additional analysis, what are the pros and cons of each model?*
- *As a result of this analysis, the workgroup recommends dropping from further consideration the Current Governance Model. Why?*
- *Do Advisory Group members have any questions of clarification? Any immediate reactions?*

10:10 Complete Assessment of Models Using Criteria - **Advisory Group**

The workgroup assessed the governance models by applying criteria 1-3 and 11. At this time the Advisory Group will briefly review the remaining criteria to identify the pros and cons of each governance model.

- *What are the pros and cons of the three models in light of criteria 4-10?*
- *Does the financial information for 2015 and '16 that the County provided (**see six attachments**) lead to any different conclusions regarding criteria 2?*

10:50 Do Members have a Preference for a Model? - **Advisory Group**

- *Based on the identification of pros and cons (or strengths and weaknesses) of each model according to the criteria, do Advisory Group members have a preference for a model?*

11:20 Public Comments - **Guests**

- *What do our guests who have been listening to today's discussion think about the pros and cons of each governance model?*

11:30 Next Steps in the Process - **Advisory Group**

- *With one more meeting scheduled, has today's meeting identified any additional information needs?*
- *What must we do between now and September 19th to allow the Advisory Group to reach agreement that day on a recommendation to the County Commissioners?*

Noon Adjourn

The Advisory Group's Next Meeting is:

Monday, 19 September 2016, 9:30 – Noon
Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mt. Vernon