

## M E M O R A N D U M

**To:** Tom Harmer, Town Manager  
**From:** Paul B. Dezzi, Fire Chief  
**Report date:** April 20, 2021  
**Meeting date:** June 7, 2021  
**Subject:** Medical Director Services Agreement

### **Recommended Action**

Authorize Manager to execute the Medical Director Services Agreement.

### **Background**

Chapter 401, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code 64-J, adopted pursuant thereto, require the appointment of a licensed physician as Medical Director for emergency medical service systems.

The current agreement between the Town and Global Emergency Medical Services (GEMS), LLC, designates Dr. Mark Johnson as Medical Director for Longboat Key Fire Rescue and expires September 30, 2021. Dr. Johnson has served as the Medical Director for the past three years. The staff is very satisfied with Dr. Johnson's and GEMS services provided to the Town.

The compensation in the current agreement is \$31,688. That agreement had a 3% annual increase built into the contract. A new three-year agreement has been drafted with GEMS beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2024. The first-year compensation will be \$32,638, a 3% increase over the current fiscal year. Second and third year also have annual 3% increases, consistent with the existing contract. This new contract amount has been included in the FY22 Budget.

If approved, Dr. Johnson will continue to serve as the Town's Medical Director providing the following services:

- Supervise and accept direct responsibility for medical performance of paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMT) employed by the Town of Longboat Key.
- Develop and review medically correct standing orders and protocols which permit specified Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) procedures when communications cannot be established with a supervising physician or when any delay in patient care would threaten the life and health of a patient.
- Provide off-line medical direction to resolve problems, system conflicts and provide services in an emergency or during a disaster pursuant to Florida Statutes.
- Review and approve an EMT and Paramedic continuing education program as required for recertification.
- Notify the Town when a designee medical director has been assigned during the primary physician absence.
- Oversee the purchase, storage, and use of controlled substances.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Authorize Manager to execute the Medical Director Services Agreement.

### **Attachments**

Medical Director Services Agreement (Available in Town Clerk's Office)

**End of Agenda Item**