

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Howard Tipton, Town Manager
From: Paul B. Dezzi, Fire Chief
Report date: April 18, 2024
Meeting date: June 3, 2024
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, 2024. Dr. Johnson has served as the Medical Director for the past six years. The staff is very satisfied with Dr. Johnson's and GEMS services provided to the Town.

The current agreement has a 3% annual increase built into the contract. A new three-year agreement has been drafted with GEMS beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2027. The first-year compensation will be \$33,677, a 3% increase over the current fiscal year. The second and third years also have annual 3% increases, consistent with the existing contract. This new contract amount has been included in the FY24 Budget.

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

1. Supervise and accept direct responsibility for the medical performance of paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMT) employed by the Town of Longboat Key.
2. Develop and review medically correct standing orders and protocols that 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.
3. Provide off-line medical direction to resolve problems and system conflicts, and provide services in an emergency or during a disaster pursuant to Florida Statutes.
4. Review and approve an EMT and Paramedic continuing education program as required for recertification.
5. Notify the Town when a designee medical director has been assigned during the primary physician's absence.
6. Oversee the purchase, storage, and use of controlled substances.

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Attachments (Available in the Town Clerk's office)

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End of Agenda Item