



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-3

For the meeting of: November 4, 2014

Date: October 24, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Letter of Support for North Coast EMS Quality Improvement/Health Information Exchange Funding Request

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors ratify authorization for the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: North Coast EMS is requesting funding from the California EMS Authority for their EMS Quality Improvement/Health Information Exchange project and is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors. If funded, the project will support our region's commitment to quality EMS and make an important contribution to the progress of EMS in California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Ryan Sundberg

REVIEW:

Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

- X Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
Other

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Lovelace Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg
Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bahn, Fennell, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Nov. 4, 2014

By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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October 24, 2014

Tom McGinnis, EMT-P  
C/O North Coast EMS  
3340 Glenwood Street  
Eureka, Ca 95501

Dear Mr. McGuiness:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisor, please accept this letter of endorsement for the North Coast EMS special project proposal to enhance our region's quality improvement efforts, and to initiate the integration of our region's prehospital and hospital patient care data.

We applaud your office's achievements in standardizing and coordinating the prehospital care data collection efforts of EMS providers throughout California, and likewise endorse your Health Information Exchange initiative.

We believe that North Coast EMS has developed a sound strategy to advance your HIE initiative within our region and beyond. If funded by your office, this project will support our own region's commitment to quality EMS, and make an important contribution to the progress of EMS in California.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

RB:kh

cc: Larry Karsteadt, Executive Director, North Coast EMS