Proposed No. 13-06.1

A RESOLUTION supporting the regional approach to the countywide delivery of Medic One/emergency medical services.

WHEREAS, the delivery of Medic One/emergency medical services is among the most important service provided to King County residents and an important part of the quality of life afforded to residents of this area, and

WHEREAS, the Medic One/emergency medical services system in King County is a regional system that provides any person in the county with equal access to essential life-saving services, regardless of location, income, incident circumstances, day of the week or time of day, and

WHEREAS, the Medic One/emergency medical services system in King County is recognized as one of the best emergency medical services programs in the United States and is known worldwide for setting the standard as a model for its service excellence, leadership and, most importantly, its medical results, and

WHEREAS, the medical model of the Medic One/emergency medical services system has resulted in a system that has measurably among the finest of medical outcomes in the world for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. In 2011, Seattle & King County achieved a fifty-two-percent survival rate for cardiac arrest, which is the highest rate to date anywhere, and
WHEREAS, the system's success can be traced to its unique design tested over
time and varied conditions and circumstances to be effective, which is built upon the
following 1. Regional, collaborative, crossjurisdictional and coordinated
partnerships that allow for “seamless” operations;
2. Emergency medical services that are derived from the highest standards of
medical training, practices and care, scientific evidence and close supervision by
physicians experienced in emergency medical services care;
3. Programmatic leadership and state of the art science-based strategies that allow
the system to obtain superior medical outcomes and meet its own needs and expectations,
as well as of those of its residents;
4. Sustained regional focus on operational and financial efficiencies that have led
to the system's financial viability and stability, even throughout the economic recession;
and
5. Support by levy moneys that make the services it provides less vulnerable,
though not immune, to fluctuations in the economy;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
County:
A. The Board of Health supports the valuable and renowned regional Medic
One/emergency medical services program;
B. The Board of Health supports the consistent, standardized, tiered response, as
well as the effective and cost-efficient provision of emergency services throughout the
county; and
C. The Board of Health supports maintaining the successful medical model for the provision of emergency medical services' science-based strategies, programs and leadership.

Resolution 13-06 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 2/21/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Conlin, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark, Dr. Baker, Mr. McDermott and Ms. Wales
No: 0
Excused: 4 - Ms. Frisinger, Ms. Lambert, Dr. Nicola and Dr. Danielson

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None