

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARY GREELEY MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CITY TO EXTEND EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION INTERFACE TO AUGUST 30, 2019 PENDING RENEGOTIATION**

**BACKGROUND:**

**Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) and the City of Ames have several agreements in place that define responsibilities for emergency services. MGMC has notified the City of their intent to cancel these agreements and renegotiate the terms.** Two of these agreements have a one-year cancellation clause. The Joint Services Agreement Between Mary Greeley Medical Center and the City of Ames with Respect to Emergency Medical Dispatch will end on March 19, 2020. The Agreement Between Mary Greeley Medical Center and the City of Ames With Respect to Emergency Medical Services (First Responder Services) dated December 16, 2003, will terminate on January 1, 2020. **However, the third agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of an Interface Connection Between the City of Ames Computer Aided Dispatch System and Mobile Intensive Care Service of Mary Greeley Medical Center will end on May 21, 2019 based on the termination notification received from MGMC.**

This last agreement requires MGMC to pay for the interface between the COA Computer Aided Dispatch system and the MGMC data management and billing system. The other component of this agreement states that MGMC will pay for licensing the software to connect mobile devices to the public safety network and the licenses to receive and return information in this system. This latter component allows mobile devices in ambulances to receive patient and location information while responding to a call.

No replacement agreement has been negotiated for any of the above mentioned items. On April 24, 2019 MGMC proposed extending the termination date for this third agreement to August 30, 2019.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize the City Manager to sign the attached extension of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of an Interface Connection Between the City of Ames Computer Aided Dispatch System and Mobile Intensive Care Service of Mary Greeley Medical Center with a new termination date of August 30, 2019.
2. Do not authorize extension of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of an Interface Connection Between the City of Ames Computer Aided Dispatch System

and Mobile Intensive Care Service of Mary Greeley Medical Center with a new termination date of August 30, 2019.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The City and MGMC have historically collaborated in the provision of emergency services within the City of Ames. This collaboration includes cost-sharing of Emergency Medical Dispatch, emergency medical response by Ames Fire, as well as the agreement to license software to feed data to the hospital systems and emergency responders. MGMC's interest in renegotiating these agreements seems to be influenced by an interest in redefining which costs will receive MGMC support. **The termination of the data link does not seem to be the primary goal of this renegotiation, so the proposal to extend the termination to allow more time to more fully examine the MGMC proposal appears to be in the best interest of those served by these services.**

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the City Manager to sign the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of an Interface Connection Between the City of Ames Computer Aided Dispatch System and Mobile Intensive Care Service of Mary Greeley Medical Center to August 30, 2019.

### Extension Agreement

This is a Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of an Interface Connection Between the City of Ames Computer Aided Dispatch System and Mobile Intensive Care Service of Mary Greeley Medical Center.

The parties to the original agreement by and between Mary Greeley Medical Center (Mary Greeley) and the City of Ames hereby mutually agree to the following extension to the original "Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of an Interface Connection Between the City of Ames Computer Aided Dispatch System and Mobile Intensive Care Service of Mary Greeley Medical Center" agreement dated May 28, 2013.

Mary Greeley previously notified the City on March 14, 2019 of their intent to cancel this agreement. Both parties have mutually agreed to extend the contract through August 30, 2019, thereby extending the cancellation date to September 1, 2019. All other terms of the original agreement remain.

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