



**Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to approve a contract with Duke University Health System, Inc. for Emergency Medical Director services for the Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$195,426 annually for Fiscal Year 2025 with a one-year renewal term and to authorize the County Manager to sign and execute the contract, including subsequent renewals, extensions, or amendments associated with this contract as necessary to continue services as required.

**Background/Justification**

Each EMS system in North Carolina is required to have a medical director under Section 10A NCAC 13P .0201(a)(15), with responsibilities outlined in Section 10A NCAC 13P .0400. Duke University Health System has partnered with Durham County EMS since 1976 and provided medical direction for more than 35 years. The EMS Medical Directors support Durham County EMS system and our partners – including Durham County Sheriff’s Office, Durham Fire Department, Durham Police Department, Durham Emergency Communications Center, Bahama Fire Department, Eno Fire Department, Lebanon Fire Department, Moriah Fire Department, New Hope Fire Department, and Redwood Fire Department – by annually reviewing patient care protocols, teaching in the EMS Recruit Academy and continuing education programs, conducting clinical clearance assessments for new providers, and performing quality assurance reviews to ensure the highest standards of patient care.

Our current medical director is Anjni Joiner, DO, our associate medical director is Erin Hanlin, MD, and our assistant medical director is Jessica Wanthal, MD. All three are covered under the contract and will continue in their respective roles in this term.

**Policy Impact**

Work will be conducted in compliance with all applicable federal and state law and regulation as well as currently acceptable standards of care.

**Procurement Background**

Duke University Health System, Inc. has provided emergency medical director services to Durham County for more than 35 years under on-going contracts. Due to the specific requirements for the EMS medical director, this is a specialty service. The contract has been negotiated and completed for services provided by Duke to Durham County for over 30 years.

**Type of purchase**

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- ☐ Construction and Repair

**Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☐ No ☒**

*Goods: Bids required if  $\geq$  \$30,000, BOCC approval if  $\geq$  \$90,000*

*Services: Bids required if  $\geq$  \$30,000, BOCC approval if  $>$  \$40,000*

*Construction/Repair work: Bids required if  $\geq$  \$30,000, BOCC approval if  $\geq$  \$500,000*



**Fiscal Impact**

This is a budgeted contract in the Office of Emergency Services – EMS miscellaneous contracted services line.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve a contract with Duke University Health System, Inc. for Emergency Medical Director services for the Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$195,426 annually for Fiscal Year 2025 with a one-year renewal term and to authorize the County Manager to sign and execute the contract, including subsequent renewals, extensions, or amendments associated with this contract as necessary to continue services as required.