

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	December 7, 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular
		<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

Department: Fire-Rescue

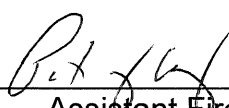


I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve a Contract for Ambulance Alternative Destination Pilot Program with the South County Mental Health Center, Inc. (SCMHC) for a term beginning the later of December 13, 2021 or the date that SCMHC is approved by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on Fire Rescue’s Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport Model (ET3) list for alternative destination, through December 31, 2025.

SUMMARY: On December 8, 2020, the County approved the Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport Model (ET3) Participation Agreement with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Fire Rescue’s participation in CMS’s ET3 Model for a five-year Model Performance Period through December 31, 2025. The agreement with SCMHC will implement Fire Rescue’s Transport to an Alternative Destination component of the ET3 Model and provide a structure for Fire Rescue to transport Pilot Patients from the scene of a 9-1-1 emergency response to SCMHC’s Alternative Destination when medically appropriate and the patient consents, for the purpose of facilitating the Pilot Patient’s receipt of medical psychiatric care at the Alternative Destination. The agreement also provides a structure for Fire Rescue to transport to the same facility Pilot Patients who are not ET3 Model Beneficiaries or who are transported under the Baker Act for involuntary examination, which transports will not be considered an ET3 Model Intervention under the ET3 Model. Countywide (SB)

Background and Policy Issues: On October 2, 2019, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue applied to participate in CMS’s ET3 Model program and was accepted into the program by CMS on February 27, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the program was pushed back to the new effective date of January 1, 2021. The purpose of the ET3 Model is to test whether paying for (1) Transport to an Alternative Destination and (2) Treatment in Place, each furnished to low-acuity Medicare fee for service (FFS) beneficiaries following a 9-1-1 call, will reduce avoidable transports to the hospital; of Medicare FFS beneficiaries to emergency departments and/or utilization of other Covered Services.

Attachment: Contract

Recommended by:		11/22/21
	Assistant Fire Chief	Date
Approved by:		11/22/21
	Fire Rescue Administrator	Date
Approved by:		12/6/21
	County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u> *0 </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget? Yes ___ No X
 Does this item include the use of federal funds Yes ___ No X

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Dept _____ Unit _____ Object/Rev Source _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

* There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *[Signature]*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

[Signature] 11/19/21
 OFMB 11/18/21
 AP 11/18/21

[Signature] 12/11/21
 Contract Development and Control
 11-30-21 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency

[Signature] 12/2/21
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)