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January 20, 1999

AGENDA: February 2, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Central Fire Protection District Paramedic Program

Dear Board Members:

On August 11, 1998, your Board authorized the Health Services Agency Administrator to sign an agreement designating the Central Fire Protection District (CFPD) as an approved paramedic service provider. Your Board also directed HSA staff to report on progress in implementing the agreement at the first meeting in February.

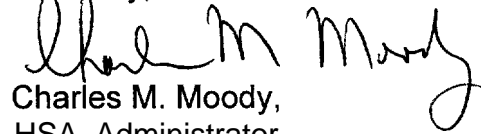
Central Fire Protection District began the paramedic program on October 30, 1998, with one paramedic available 24 hours per day to respond to medical calls. The paramedic-staffed engine is located at CFPD's 17th Avenue station. Since the inception of the program, CFPD has hired several new staff (including experienced paramedics), and currently have seven paramedics available to provide services. This will allow them to staff the engine with two paramedics, and ensure that any newly trained paramedic is teamed with a paramedic with years of experience.

In November and December, there were 122 calls, with 57% requiring Advanced Life Support (ALS) skills. The EMS Medical Director has reviewed the records of each of these calls and, to date, there have been no untoward events. The EMS Medical Director has formed an expert committee of emergency physicians to continue to review the program, and will report to HSA regularly. At the end of six months, HSA will report to your Board regarding the first six months of the program. This should be accomplished by the end of May, 1999.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

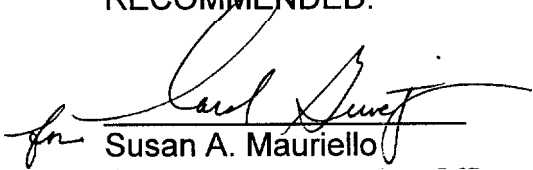
Accept and file this interim report regarding Central Fire Protection District Paramedic program and direct HSA staff to report back on June 8, 1999, concerning the first six months of CFPD's paramedic program.

Sincerely,



Charles M. Moody,
HSA Administrator

GW/CM/amg
RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

- cc: **CAO**
- County Counsel
- Auditor-Controller
- EMCC
- HSA Administration
- ACCC
- EMSIA**
- LAFCO
- EMS Administrator
- Central Fire Protection District