

Staff Report
Board Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

DATE: August 14, 2024
TO: District Board of Health
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SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Re-Appointment of Dr. John Hardwick, Emergency Room Physician Representative to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for a two-year term effective September 26, 2024.

SUMMARY

The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Oversight establishes a Regional EMS Advisory Board (EMSAB). The Regional EMSAB includes two District Board of Health (DBOH) appointed positions, an Emergency Medicine physician, and a Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement Representative.

Dr. John Hardwick has indicated his willingness to serve as the new Emergency Medicine Physician for EMSAB. As Dr. Hardwick was well-qualified and interested in serving, no other candidates were sought. The EMS Oversight program, on behalf of EMSAB, is requesting that the DBOH approve the recommendation to appoint Dr. Hardwick.

District Health Strategic Priorities supported by this item:

- 4. Impactful Partnerships:** Extend our impact by leveraging partnerships to make meaningful progress on health issues.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The ILA for Regional EMS Oversight was approved by the governing bodies of Reno, Sparks, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Washoe County, and the Washoe County Health District on August 26, 2014.

Article 2 of the ILA establishes a Regional EMS Advisory Board. The EMSAB is composed of the following members:

- a. City Manager, Reno
- b. City Manager, Sparks
- c. County Manager, Washoe County

- d. District Health Officer
- e. Emergency Room Physician (DBOH Appointment)
- f. Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Representative (DBOH Appointment)

On April 22, 2021, DBOH appointed Dr. John Hardwick to fill the position of the Emergency Room Physician on the EMSAB.

On October 26, 2023, DBOH reappointed Joe Macaluso to fill the position of the Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Representative on the EMSAB.

BACKGROUND

The EMSAB will be responsible for electing a chair and vice-chair and for establishing bylaws. The EMSAB must meet at least once each fiscal year to review reports, evaluations and/or recommendations of the Regional EMS Oversight Program, and discuss issues related to regional emergency medical services. The EMSAB may make recommendations to the District Health Officer and/or DBOH.

The EMSAB created bylaws, which became effective in March 2015 and were updated in October of 2016 and again in October of 2018. Detailed within the bylaws are the terms for the DBOH appointed positions. The Emergency Room Physician appointment is for three (3) years, with an eligibility of reappointment for two additional two (2) year terms. The bylaws also state that upon the resignation or expiration of the DBOH appointee's term, the member shall continue to serve until his/her successor qualifies and is appointed. Dr. John Hardwick's first term expired in May of 2024 and is eligible for two (2) additional terms per the EMSAB bylaws. Dr. John Hardwick has indicated his willingness and desire to serve on the Board, and his resume is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board re-appoint Dr. John Hardwick, Emergency Medicine Physician, to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for a two-year term effective September 26, 2024.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the staff recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to re-appoint Dr. John Hardwick as Emergency Room Physician Representative to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board two-year term effective September 26, 2024.”*

ATTACHMENTS

DBOH – 9-26-2024 - Dr. John Hardwick CV

DBOH – 9-26-2024 - EMSAB PMAC Application