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STRATEGIC PRIORITY:	Public Safety
AGENDA DATE:	September 25, 2019
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):	All
DEPARTMENT:	Fire-Rescue Department
EXECUTIVE:	Jon Fortune

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SUBJECT

Authorize a contract renewal with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas for the State required medical direction services of a Medical Director for the period October 1,2019 through September 30, 2020 - Not to exceed $434,807.00 - Financing: General Fund (subject to appropriations)

BACKGROUND

State law under Texas Administrative Code: Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 157, Subchapter A; Rule 157.2 requires a Medical Director for pre-hospital care delivered by Emergency Medical Service personnel. The Medical Director provides protocols for paramedics to follow and permits paramedics to operate under his/her license.

The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department (DFR) has for over 45 years provided 911 out-of-hospital emergency medical services (EMS) for the City of Dallas. DFR dispatches ambulances ("Rescues"), fire engines and trucks staffed by paramedics, EMT's and First Responders to over 200,000 patients each year. Historically, medical direction and clinical oversight of the DFR's EMS Program has been managed by the UT Southwestern Department of Emergency Medicine through the appointment of a single Medical Director contracted at set number of hours per week.

Under the current contractual services all the required systems and protocols have been effectively networked between the City, hospitals and the State to ensure uninterrupted services.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On September 26, 2018, City Council authorized a contract award for the services of a Medical Director by Resolution No. 18-1365.

City Council will be briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on September 20, 2019.

FISCAL INFORMATION

General Fund - $434,807.00 (subject to appropriations)

OWNER

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

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