
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Fire/EMS
FROM: Casey Davis, Fire Chief
MEETING: January 20, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a three-year professional services agreement with Dennis Haslam Jr, MD to serve as the Chief Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer for the City of Burleson in the amount of \$180,000. (*Staff Presenter: Casey Davis, Fire Chief*)

SUMMARY:

The City has concluded the current Medical Director's contract in accordance with a provision in the agreement that allows either party to terminate the arrangement at any time and for any reason with 30 days' written notice. To ensure there is no lapse in medical director coverage, the planned commencement of the proposed contract will align with the conclusion of the current agreement, pending Council approval.

State law mandates that the City of Burleson appoint a Medical Director to provide licensed physician oversight and medical supervision for Fire/EMS personnel. This supervision ensures compliance with statutory requirements for performing advanced life support procedures, including emergency medical interventions, basic life support techniques, intravenous catheterizations, electrical defibrillations, and other invasive medical procedures.

The proposed three-year professional services agreement, totaling \$180,000, outlines the responsibilities and expectations of the Medical Director. Dr. Dennis Haslam Jr., MD, is recommended for this role due to his extensive qualifications and his position as the Managing partner of the Huguley Emergency Physicians group, where Burleson Fire/EMS transports approximately 75% of its patients. Establishing a strong relationship with Dr. Haslam and the ER team will enable immediate feedback on patient care and outcomes, strengthening our ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of care provided to the community. Approval of this contract will ensure Burleson Fire/EMS continues to fulfill its mission of safeguarding community health through exceptional medical oversight without interruption.

RECOMMENDATION:

Dr. Dennis Haslam Jr., MD, is being recommended for the position

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

CSO#4014-10-2022

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: Annual Expenditure \$60,000.00

Account Number(s): 105-20-22-2202-0000-62020

Fund:105

Account Description: Other Professional Serv

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