



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2024

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between San Juan County and San Juan School District for Participation in the School District's Emergency Medical Technician Program

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Interlocal

SUMMARY

Earlier this month I was notified that students needed access to the County's Dispatch System. County EMT's have access to a notification system application that alerts them to any 911 ambulance response request. We only carry enough licenses and access points to cover the number of employees who are on our active roster. This was the first time of hearing that there were students in an EMT Training Course which would require County support. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the School District has an EMT training internship or class for students who are interested in becoming EMT certified. This course requires students to receive hands-on experience and training requiring a specific amount of ride-along experience.

The initial concern regarding liability exists where these are students who will be interacting with County Patients, the protection of sensitive patient information, exposure, as well as liability coverage while riding in a County ambulance. However, I feel that the County and School District benefits from such a program if it can produce future EMT's who graduate and certify in the program.

After speaking with UCIP, I developed the Interlocal Agreement providing provisions they recommended which places liability of the program on the School District, the County would cover Workers Compensation on the Students in our ambulance or on a call. The School District has already received permission slips from the students and respective parent/guardian to enter into the program.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

The school district will have to cover the costs of the \$30.00/per student access to the e911 application and the County will cover the costs of personal protective supplies for the students while riding along in an ambulance while responding to medical care.