

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Ambulance Staffing Variance

<p>Background:</p> <p>Beginning in 2013, the East Umatilla Health District, then the East Umatilla County Ambulance Service Area Health District, has requested from the State of Oregon for a variance to allow staffing of the District’s ambulance with non-EMT drivers. The district is renewing the request for the State of Oregon to grant a variance for staffing reduction to provide Ambulance service in its area. This is something that has been in place for several years and is a benefit to its ability to provide services. The process requires approval from the Board of Commissioners.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve request for East Umatilla County Ambulance Service Area Health District to operate using reduced staffing, and instruct staff to prepare letter confirming approval</p>
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ATTACHMENTS : Request

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Heard (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: October 2, 2024

Action taken:

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Follow-up:



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September 20, 2024

Douglas R. Olsen  
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Re: Staffing Variance Request – East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District

Mr. Olsen:

As you are aware, East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District (EUCAAHD) must annually renew its staffing variance from the Oregon Health Authority, Emergency Medical Services Section to operate under the requirements of ORS 628.068 and OAR 333-255-0070(1), 333-255-0071(1) and 333-255-0072(1). To continue to provide EMS services in our Ambulance Service Area, ASA-5, EUCAAHD is in need of your approval to operate with reduced staffing.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Kobasa', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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