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**North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA); Mason County Public Hospital District #2 (MCPHD#2)**  
**Special Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**490 NE Old Belfair Hwy, Belfair WA**  
**Telephone/Videoconference Option**  
**3/24/2022**

**Present:** NMRFA Commissioners Paul Severson, Bob Miller, Kelley McIntosh, Brooke Quigley, Dan Kewish; NMRFA Executive Assistant Wassenaar; NMRFA Chief Bakken; NMRFA Assistant Chief Cooper; NMRFA Captain Ehresman MCPHD#2 Commissioners Patty Stone, Tommy Thombs, Peggy VanBuskirk, Kaye Massie, Herb Gerhardt; MCPHD#2 Superintendent/PIO Sandy Robertson

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

Meeting was called to order by NMRFA Commissioner Severson at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Bakken opened the meeting with an introduction to the new headquarters fire station. He invited Mason County Public Hospital District #2 (MCPHD#2) for a walk-through following the joint meeting. He also invited the group to the grand opening ceremony of the new fire station, scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

**Community Risk Reduction/Mobile Integrated Health:** Chief Bakken advised that the Fire Authority would like to partner with MCPHD#2 for a community medicine/mobile integrated health program. He stated he would not need any decisions at this time but would like to know if there is support for a partnership for such a program. He also explained that the call volume has increased 20% in 2021 over 2020, with the majority of that increase being attributed to BLS calls and calls that may not be a “true” emergency.

Captain Carl Ehresman provided a PowerPoint presenting the Fire Authority’s existing risk reduction model (Resource Access Program) and the proposed community medicine/mobile integrated health program. Chief Bakken introduced Fire Authority Emergency Prevention Specialist Abe Gardner (not present) and explained that he is the program manager for the Fire Authority’s Resource Access Program which will work hand-in-hand with community medicine/mobile integrated health.

Chief Bakken stated that anticipated budget for the new program is \$300,000, to cover the medical provider, insurance and transportation and that the Fire Authority is seeking an initial three-year commitment by MCPHD#2 for the program. He explained that the Fire Authority would like to split the budget costs 50/50 with MCPHD#2 and as funding is received through medical claims/insurance, the cost requirements for both parties would be reduced.

Chief Bakken indicated there may be a potential in the future to build a student residency program into the community medicine/mobile integrated health program. He also explained that the Fire Authority would be reaching out to Peninsula Community Health Services to fill any gaps in provider coverage, should there be a vacancy, illness, etc. Chief Bakken confirmed that the Fire Authority's existing insurance provider would be able to add the program to the existing policy and such a program actually has less liability than emergency medicine.

The North Mason Regional Fire Authority Board and Mason County Public Hospital District #2 Board both expressed support for the program and a potential partnership. The group discussed meeting again in three to four months for a joint meeting to discuss progress of the program. Captain Ehresman stated that he will attend the next MCPHD#2 Board meeting in May as well.

**Public Comment:** None

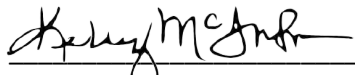
**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**With no further business NMRFA Commissioner Severson moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**

  
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