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**TO:** Commission on EMS

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**SUBJECT:** Community Paramedicine

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive information regarding Community Paramedicine.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

Efforts to move the Community Paramedicine pilot forward are well underway. Project Manager Lou Meyer was instrumental in the December 2013 submission of the Health Workforce Pilot Project (HWPP) application to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) on behalf of the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). OSHPD has completed their initial application review and deemed the application complete and ready to be forwarded to select allied health licensing boards for their review and comment. In addition, a 45 day public comment period and a public hearing will take place before the application approval decision will be made. Following approval of the HWPP application by OSHPD, community paramedics will be selected by each pilot site, with training estimated to begin in July of 2014.

Meanwhile, organizational planning efforts including advisory committees, core and local training and community paramedicine protocols are under development. Each of the 13 pilot sites provisionally accepted to participate in the Community Paramedicine pilot have formed their pilot site Advisory Committees, and have submitted their first monthly readiness reports. Pilot sites are working to develop local protocols and establishing mechanisms to gather and report on each of the data fields identified by the University of California San Francisco, Phillip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies and Center for the Health Professions, the UC San Francisco based Independent Project Evaluation team engaged through a grant from the California HealthCare Foundation.

A Curriculum Development Committee has developed a local site specific draft curricula, along with core training curricula. The local site specific curricula can be altered to match the needs of the individual pilot site based on the project type, while the core training will be standardized across all pilot sites.

Overall, the project is moving ahead as expected and on target. Challenges to come are possible project opposition raised during the mandatory 45 day public comment period, and final approval from OSHPD to proceed with the pilot project. An estimated timeframe for final OSHPD approval provided by OSHPD indicates that an approval decision should be made by June 9, 2014.

The EMS Authority will continue to keep the Commission informed on the progress of the CP pilot program.

### OSHPD ESTIMATED APPROVAL TIMELINE

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Estimated (Maximum) Timeframe</b>	<b>Notes</b>
OSHPD deems application complete	February 7	
Fact Sheet posted online and shared with interested parties	February 14	
EMSA to submit 10 hard copies to OSHPD for distribution to healing arts boards. OSHPD to send out hard copies via registered mail.	February 14 – March 31	45-day review period by healing arts boards begins.
Public meeting	April 14	Notice of public meeting must be posted two weeks in advance.
Public hearing	May 12	Obtain the service of a disinterested state government official from a state agency other than the office or the proponent of the project to facilitate the meeting. Notice of public hearing must be posted 30 days in advance.
Transcription release	May 26	Request a two-week deadline.
OSHPD Directors Office approval or rejection of HWPP application #173	June 9	Decision must be made within 60 days of receipt of transcriptions services.
CP Project begins	June 9	