

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 and the district physician advisor. Dr. Adams has approved the staffing variance.</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; Statement of Approval

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Checkoffs:

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

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: April 26, 2023

Action taken:

Follow-up:



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April 12, 2023

Mr. Doug Olsen
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Mr. Olsen:

As you are aware, the East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District (EUCAAHD) must annually renew its Staffing Variance from the Oregon Health Authority, Emergency Medical Services Section (OHA-EMS), to operate with reduced staffing under the requirements of ORS 682.068 and OAR 333-255-0070(1), 333-255-0071(1), and 333-255-0072(1). To continue to provide EMS services in the Athena/Weston ASA (ASA-5), the EUCAAHD is in need of your approval to operate with reduced staffing. Please see the attached Statement of Approval for Variance.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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Statement of Approval for Variance

I, Bradley S. Adams, as the Medical Director for the East Umatilla County Ambulance Area Health District (EUCAAHD), approve the request for a staffing variance by the EUCAAHD from the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to the criteria set forth in ORS 682 and OAR 333-250. In no circumstance will the variance cause danger or harm to the public or persons operating an ambulance.



Signature: Bradley S. Adams

4/13/23

Date