



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)

Board Action

File #: 24-553

Commissioners Fraley & Hovis - GEMS - To Approve the County/GEMS to Enter Into an Agreement with CaroMont Hospital for a Dedicated Interfacility Transport Unit. Approve the Addition of Ten (10) New Positions and Appropriate (\$850,696)

STAFF CONTACT

Mark Lamphiear - GEMS - 704-866-3202

BUDGET IMPACT

GEMS is requesting to hire 10 personnel to implement a dedicated interfacility transport unit to service all CaroMont locations. The financial aspects of this will result in zero net marginal costs to the County based on quarterly true up of costs. General Fund: Appropriate \$735,096 in additional revenue. Appropriate \$735,096 in personnel and operating expenditures. Community Investment Fund: Appropriate \$115,600 in additional revenue. Reduce fund balance appropriation by \$115,600. No net impact.

BACKGROUND

GEMS has been working with CaroMont since they began planning the Belmont campus to develop a collaborative approach interfacility transport of patients. This approach will begin to serve the needs of CaroMont resulting in no net marginal costs for Gaston County.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR) & Letter of Intent

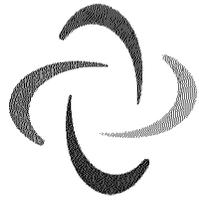
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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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CaroMont Health

October 29, 2024

Gaston Emergency Medical Services
c/o Chief Mark Lamphiear
615 North Highland Street
Gastonia, NC 28052

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: Letter of Intent to Facilitate Expanded Support of Transport Services to CaroMont Regional Medical Center

Dear Chief Lamphiear,

This nonbinding Letter of Intent (“LOI” or “Letter of Intent”) sets forth the basic terms and conditions under which Gaston Emergency Medical Services (“GEMS”) will provide expansion of current emergency medical transport services to Gaston County patients through continued interfacility transport between CaroMont Regional Medical Center (“CRMC”) campuses.

The parties acknowledge that this LOI is intended to outline certain potential terms for consideration only and, except as otherwise set forth herein, this LOI is not intended to create any legally binding obligation.

If the parties desire to proceed, they will develop a mutually satisfactory Emergency Transport Services Agreement (or amendment to the current agreement between the parties) based on the following proposed structure:

- **Scope:** Dedicated unit and associated EMS personnel (as will be defined in the agreement) to CaroMont Health.
- **Start Date:** 1/7/2025.
- **Financial Management:** Based on standard billing practice and processes, the parties will track volume and collection management with quarterly true-up of the specific/dedicated unit’s expenses to offset the variance from collections GEMS billed for in relation to CaroMont Health transports.

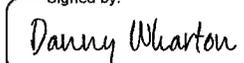
- **Quality Metrics:** development of quality measures and metrics reflecting the parties' mutual intent to provide high quality and reliable emergency transport services to the community.

If the above terms and conditions are acceptable, please sign below to acknowledge agreement to this LOI and return one (1) fully executed copy to me. CaroMont looks forward to working with you regarding the continued provision of emergency transport services to Gaston County patients.

Sincerely,

Danny Wharton, MHA, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
CaroMont Health, Inc.

CAROMONT:
CaroMont Regional Medical Center

By:  _____
Signed by: 749A05E17B9B4F8...

Name: Danny Wharton

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer

Date: 10/30/2024 | 6:35:17 AM PDT _____

GEMS:
Gaston Emergency Medical Services

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____