The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County Administration Building 
1221 Oak Street  
Oakland, CA 94612  

Dear Board Members:  

SUBJECT: Approval to spend $5,000 of Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund for Pediatric Disaster Care Conference by Public Health Department, Emergency Medical Services  

RECOMMENDATION:  

It is recommended that your Board approve the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund expenditure in the amount of $5,000 for the Public Health 4th Annual Regional Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C) Conference to be held on June 10, 2010, in Dublin, CA.  

SUMMARY/DISCUSSSION/FINDINGS:  

The Public Health Department, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will host the Public Health, Pediatric Disaster Care Conference on Thursday, June 10, 2010. The conference will be held at the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Dublin, CA. This Year’s conference theme is “Meeting the EMS-C health care challenge: Making a difference in pediatric disaster care.” Nationally renowned pediatric experts from the Bay Area and New York will be providing input and guidance on disaster preparedness and response for children in disasters. Our speakers will include Muntu Davis, MD, Health Officer, Alameda County Public Health Department, George Foltin, MD Direct of the Center for Pediatric Emergency Medicine of New York University, and Bonnie Arquilla, DO, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine Director of Disaster Preparedness of State University of New York. Each speaker will offer practical pediatric disaster operational tools and guidelines for hospital emergency departments and providers. The presenters will address the Bay Area Pediatric Emergency Medical Care disaster and continuity issues and priorities.  

The topics of the conference are 1) discussion of Emergency Department (ED) pediatric emergency services and preparedness, 2) determining changes facing ED pediatric surges and viable solutions, 3) facilitating operational tools for responding to pediatric surges, and 4) latest trends in pediatric assessment.  

During a mass casualty or terrorist event, all hospitals, even those that are not pediatric trauma centers or specialized pediatric hospitals, may receive critically ill or injured children. The health care community of Alameda County is aware that limited attention has been given to the specific needs of the pediatric
population and their families in disaster response preparation. Alameda County EMS has recognized this planning gap and is facilitating a training conference and prepare Bay Area hospitals and pre-hospital providers for the needs of this special population. The goal is to provide hospitals, especially those that do not normally admit children and/or have no pediatric intensive or obstetrical/newborn services, with useful, proactive strategies and tools for providing protection, treatment and acute care for children during a disaster. Inclusive planning for children in disasters is vital to the effectiveness of the Alameda County emergency preparedness and response plans.

FINANCING:

Attendees will be medical and paramedic professionals from Northern California. The registration cost is $25 per person, which will help recover part of the total budgeted $5,000 cost. It is estimated that 100 medical professionals will be attending this event.

The funding for this conference is included in FY 2009-10 adjusted budget; therefore, no budgetary adjustments are required. There is no impact on net County cost.

Very truly yours,

Alex Briscoe, Director
Health Care Services Agency

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cc: Auditor-Controller
    County Counsel
“MEETING THE EMS-C CHALLENGE: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEDIATRIC DISASTER HEALTH CARE”
VISION LEADERSHIP IMPROVING PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE CAPABILITY, & IMPLEMENTATION SOLUTIONS

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010
TIME: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Conference); 3:00 – 5:00 pm (CA EMSC Pediatric Ad Hoc Disaster Planning Forum)
LOCATION: Alameda County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, 4985 Broder, Dublin, CA 94568

EXPERT KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, FACILITATORS, AND PARTNERS

MUNTU DAVIS, MD - Health Officer, Alameda County Public Health department
GEORGE FOLTIN, MD - Director, Center for Pediatric Emergency Medicine, New York Univ. School of Medicine
BONNIE ARQUILLA, DO, FACEP - Professor, Emergency Medicine, Director of Disaster Preparedness, New York
MARIANNE GUASCHE-HILL, MD - Director, Emergency Medical Services, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program, Department of Emergency Medicine, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

GOALS

• To discuss the health care pediatric emergency planning challenges (surge, continuity, communications, and resources)
• To review lessons learned from the H1N1 and Haiti / Chile earthquakes pediatric response
• To facilitate information on operational tools for health care pediatric disaster response operations with national champions
• To identify effective disaster plans & viable implementation solutions for state/regional pediatric disaster planning/response

REGISTRATION

** SPACE IS LIMITED: RSVP BY 5/1/10 **

COST $25 (PAYABLE TO ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH - EMS)
MAILING ADDRESS: Alameda County EMS, 1000 San Leandro Blvd., Suite 200, San Leandro, CA 94577

REQUEST REGISTRATION RSVP TO: Veronica Villegas, Public Health, EMS (510) 618-2039; veronica.villegas@acgov.org
(Provide Conference Name, Participant Name, Title, Organization, Address, Email, and Phone)

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