

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
Shasta County Fire Department
and
DIGNITY HEALTH, DBA
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER REDDING

This interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into the 1st day of November 2023 between the Shasta County Fire Department, hereinafter called SCFD, and Dignity Health, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation DBA Mercy Medical Center Redding, hereinafter called MMCR. This MOU may be referred to as the Base Hospital MOU.

RECITALS

Whereas, SCFD provides a service to the citizens of the state of California by treating and transporting ill and injured patients in rescues (alternate transport vehicle(s)) staffed by Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel; and

Whereas, SCFD is a designated ALS provider service by Agreement with Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS; and

Whereas, MMCR maintains a medical center licensed by the California Department of Health Services, including a provision for comprehensive emergency medical services; and

Whereas, MMCR is designated by contract with Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS as a base hospital. SCFD is in need of a base hospital to provide medical direction and quality review services to the SCFD ALS service based in Shasta County; and

Whereas, MMCR is designated by contract with Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS as the County's Trauma Center; and

Whereas, it is to the benefit of SCFD that medical control be provided by MMCR; and

WITNESSETH: By, and in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein contained, the SCFD and MMCR do hereby agree as follows:

1. MMCR PERFORMANCE

MMCR does hereby agree to:

- 1.1. Designate a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse to coordinate medical control, and to act as liaison with SCFD, as the designated MMCR coordinator. The name of the MMCR

Coordinator shall be provided to the SCFD Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator.

- 1.2. Designate a physician as the pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services Medical Director.
- 1.3. Maintain designation with Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS as a base hospital.
- 1.4. Provide on-line medical control in the form of Continuous Quality Improvement.
- 1.5. Provide off-line medical control in the form of Continuous Quality Improvement.
- 1.6. Provide a primary base hospital orientation for all paramedics assigned to SCFD.
- 1.7. Provide all prescription medical supplies, goods, and medications determined by SierraSacramento EMS policies. This excludes Class II and Class IV controlled substances.
- 1.8. Provide a place for biomedical waste disposal for all biomedical waste generated by the treatment of patients by SCFD.

2. **SCFD PERFORMANCE**

SCFD does hereby agree to:

- 2.1. Maintain designation with Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS as an ALS provider.
- 2.2. Designate an EMS Coordinator to act as liaison with MMCR. The name of the Emergency Medical Services coordinator shall be provided to the MMCR Coordinator.
- 2.3. Maintain communications capability for the on-line medical control.
- 2.4. Ensure SCFD ALS personnel are responsible for all pre-hospital care provided to patients.
- 2.5. Assign the EMS Coordinator to participate in the Continuous Assurance meetings. This shall not exceed eight (8) hours per month.
- 2.6. Assign the EMS Coordinator the responsibility to monitor compliance with documentation standards.
- 2.7. Support the actions of the Continuous Quality Improvement process, including the progressive correction action format for remediation.

- 2.8. Ensure that, prior to assuming any patient responsibility by SCFD ALS personnel have received a primary base hospital orientation from MMCR.
- 2.9. Ensure that any SCFD ALS personnel directed to complete clinical remediation is immunized for rubella and rubeola and has been tested for tuberculosis within the twelve (12) months prior to entering the clinical setting.

3. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

- 3.1. There shall be no fees associated with this Agreement.

4. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION:

- 4.1. Each party shall, at its sole cost and expense, insure its activities in connection with this Agreement. The Shasta County Fire Department is self-insured.

5. PARAMEDIC STATUS:

- 5.1. MMCR and SCFD are responsible only for the actions of their respective officers, agents, employees, and students.
- 5.2. SCFD ALS personnel assigned to MMCR are not employees of MMCR or members of MMCR organized staff.
- 5.3. MMCR does not assume any liability as a result of damages or injuries which arise from SCFD ALS personnel traveling to or from MMCR.

6. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT:

- 6.1. The term of this Memorandum shall be for five (5) years beginning November 1, 2023.

7. TERMINATION:

- 7.1. This Agreement may be terminated without cause by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination to the other party.
- 7.2. Either party may terminate this Agreement for breach of the terms in this Agreement by the other party if the defaulting party fails to correct the breach within ten (10) days of giving prior written notice.

8. NOTICES:

8.1. Any notices required or authorization by this Agreement shall be in writing and sent certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

Notices for MMCR: Mercy Medical Center Redding
 Attn.: Robert Folden, Chief Operating Officer
 P.O. Box 496009
 Redding, California 96049-6009

Copy to: CommonSpirit Legal Department
 185 Berry Street, Suite 200
 Red Bluff, CA 94107

Notices for SCFD Shasta County Fire Department
 Attn: EMS Coordinator
 875 Cypress Ave
 Redding, California 96001

9. AMENDMENTS OR ADDENDA:

9.1. This contract may be amended by mutual consent of both parties hereto and shall be made by properly executed written amendments or addenda only.

10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

10.1. This Agreement consists of five (5) pages and is the entire Agreement. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement supersedes any and all other Agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties hereto with regard to the subject matter hereof, and no other Agreement, statement, or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement which is not contained herein shall be valid and/or binding.

Shasta County Fire Department

DIGNITY HEALTH, DBA
Mercy Medical Center Redding

Signature

Robert Folden

Signature

Title

Robert Folden
Vice President Operations/COO

Date

12/14/23

Date

Shasta County Fire Department
Attn: EMS Coordinator
875 Cypress Ave
Redding, Ca. 96001

Mercy Medical Center Redding
Attn.: Chief Operating Officer
P. O. Box 496009
Redding, CA. 96049-6009

Exempt from Department of General Services approval in accordance with the State
Administrative Manual.

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