

Sec. 28-4. - Administrative authority. DRAFT for Ordinance Language Workgroup Discussion

- i. The Sonoma County Department of Health Services (DHS) is designated as the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) for Sonoma County pursuant to the Emergency Medical Services System and Pre-hospital Emergency Care Personnel Act of 1980.
- ii. LEMSAs functions shall be the responsibility of the EMS Agency Administrator operating under the supervision of the Department of Health Services and the medical direction of the EMS Agency Medical Director.
- iii. The LEMSAs shall plan, coordinate and monitor the EMS System in conformity with Health and Safety Code Division 2.5 and California Code of Regulations Title 22 Division 9 promulgated by the California EMS Authority.
- iv. Not less than every five years the Department of Health Services shall retain an outside expert to complete an EMS System Review. The EMS System Review shall include an evaluation of the EMS System to include governance, performance and coordination of EMS system participants, and performance of LEMSAs oversight functions. The EMS System Review shall include at minimum the completion of the EMS Plan and a system-wide stakeholder survey. The stakeholder survey shall include provider agency partners including hospital representatives, fire service representatives, public and private ambulance service providers, communications center leadership, base hospital leadership, law enforcement agency representatives, EMS training program leadership and community partners. The survey shall at a minimum, assess the relationship between EMS System participants and the LEMSAs. Survey results shall be incorporated into the EMS System Review and featured in any presentation of the EMS System Review to the entities receiving distribution of the results in accordance with this chapter. Findings of the EMS System Review shall be presented to the Sonoma County Emergency Care Council (EMCC), LEMSAs, DHS Director and Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. In addition to the required elements, the EMS System Review may include areas of evaluation requested by the EMCC or Sonoma County DHS Director or the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.
 - a. The EMCC may request EMS System Review on a more frequent schedule than every five years. In no case shall an EMS System Review occur more frequently than annually. If an EMS System Review is requested outside of the five-year cycle, the outside expert shall complete an EMS Plan Update in place of an EMS Plan submission. The system-wide stakeholder survey requirement shall remain in force for any EMS System Review. EMS System Reviews performed more frequently than every five years shall be at the discretion of the Sonoma County DHS Director or Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Commented [JS1]: Paragraph i and ii are placeholder language describing the current governance structure, although updated with the correct position titles and Department name. The stakeholder workgroup has not addressed any of this and I am not assuming it will remain in this form, but felt it was appropriate to start with what we have in place now

Commented [JS2]: General direction to obey existing law. If anyone would like to rephrase, I am open to that, but I feel strongly there needs to be clear direction to LEMSAs and staff to act in accordance with statute and duly promulgated regulations.

Commented [JS3]: The first two sentences define the scope of the EMS System Review to include the performance of the system and the LEMSAs specific performance in coordinating and providing oversight.

Commented [JS4]: The EMS Plan covers the required components of the EMS System from dispatch to specialty care and how those things are being done in the present system. Deficiencies that are identified are documented as are any challenges associated with maintaining or exceeding standards. Including the plan in the EMS System Review provides the objective portion of the review. The stakeholder survey is intended to provide EMS System partners an opportunity to weigh in on issues important to them including some standard assessment questions relating to LEMSAs-Provider relationships.

Commented [JS5]: These three sentences clarify the reach of the stakeholder survey. I was going for the "360" approach without using that term to avoid jargon. If any feel I missed a stakeholder segment needing addition to the list by name please let me know.

Commented [JS6]: This part ensures the EMS System Review incorporates stakeholder survey results into findings as well as any presentation of the Review to County leadership.

Commented [JS7]: This sentence is intended to provide an avenue for additional system evaluation subjects not contemplated as part of EMS Plan review and Stakeholder survey to be added to the EMS System Review.

Commented [JS8]: This part ensures both EMS plan review and Stakeholder Survey go hand-in-hand any time an EMS System Review is completed. The EMS Plan Update is a less exhaustive look at the system, but does allow for documentation of changes and a fresh look at system capacity and performance.

Commented [JS9]: This covers any reviews more frequent than five years. The process will be expensive, so those entities who may authorize the work are limited to those with current fiscal responsibility and oversight authority.