


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number: | 24-439 | Meeting: | November 4, 2024 |
| | Agenda Item: | 31 | Roll Call: | 24-1515 |
| | Submitted by: | John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief | | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Fire Department to Negotiate and Approve Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and Business Association Agreements for the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIHC) program.

SYNOPSIS:

The Fire Department has instituted an MIHC program to provide proactive community outreach to patients who are underserved and without financial resources to obtain proper healthcare needed for good health and safe and sanitary living conditions, with a focus on high-volume utilizers of the City's 911 system and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

As part of the MIHC program, partnerships were sought with various organizations for the provision of services, and sub-programs, intended to support the MIHC program goals and provide improved service to Des Moines residents, and anticipates entering into an MOU, Business Associate Agreements, and similar agreements to achieve these partnerships.

The Fire Department requests authorization to negotiate, approve, and execute MIHC program-related agreements, subject to approval as to form by the Legal Department, which agreements will detail the partnerships to support the MIHC program at no additional cost to the City, and the Fire Department further intends to submit to Council for consideration MIHC program-related agreements requiring additional expenditure of funds by the City.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Fire Chief is authorized and directed to approve and execute, memoranda of Understanding, Business Associate Agreements, and similar agreements to achieve partnerships supporting the City's Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIHC) program. The Fire Department is further directed to submit MIHC program-related agreements to Council for consideration that involved the additional expenditure of funds by the City. The Fire Chief is further directed to administer said agreements on behalf of the City.
- The City Council previously approved an agreement with United Way of the Midlands for the provision of non-emergency transportation services on May 20, 2024, by Roll Call No. 24-0755.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 20, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0755](#)

Action: [MOU](#) and Business Associate Agreement with United Way of the Midlands for non-emergency transportation services. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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