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Carmel Angelo, CEO Mendocino County

Dear Carmel,

We are writing to express our position on the matter of the County's contract with Coastal Valley EMS Agency.

CVEMSA serves us well by providing oversight of EMT certification and accreditation, updated medical policies and protocols, and training related to those policies and protocols. We have been satisfied with these services.

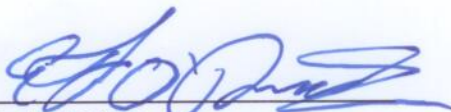
We are impressed with CVEMSA's plans to implement and train on new evidence-based EMS protocols this year. We have been looking forward to providing new services such as EMT-administered epinephrine, naloxone and use of glucometers. CVEMSA worked with us to schedule training on these new protocols over the coming 12 months.

The cancellation of the contract with CVEMSA is a concern.

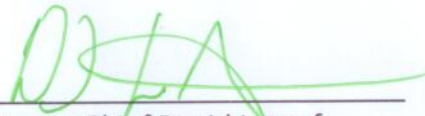
We understand that the CVEMSA was not supportive of our County's needs during the recent multi-county fires. We can learn from this experience and improve contractual agreements regarding CVEMSA's disaster response to our County.

We encourage you to renegotiate the contract with CVEMSA and include provisions that require support of Mendocino County during times of disaster. The cost of this additional support will most certainly be less than developing a new LEMSA.

Please renegotiate with CVEMSA in a way that protects our County's needs during times of disaster and moves forward with first-rate emergency medical response.



Chief Ed O'Brien



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