

Subject: Administration – Quality Assurance
Field Initiatives

Associated Policies:

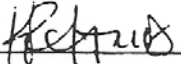
- I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by references)
 - A. Division 2.5 of Health and Safety Code
 - B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22
 - C. North Coast EMS Policies and Procedures

- II. Purpose
To facilitate the enhancement of existing EMS structures and programs by encouraging and supporting the input and participation of all interested parties.

- III. Procedure
 - A. Interested parties, including but not limited to field personnel, provider agencies and hospital staff may submit project proposals aimed at improving existing EMS structures and programs. North Coast EMS will review all proposals. Each quarter, North Coast EMS will summarize and offer and solicit comments on any project proposals in agency mailings. Selected projects will be adopted as funding and staff time permits.
 - B. North Coast EMS will evaluate the merits of each proposal based on an established criteria including:
 1. Likely benefits.
 2. Likely pitfalls.
 3. Cost – monetary and other.
 4. Need for North Coast EMS staff participation.
 - C. Submitted project proposals should include a statement including:
 1. The need or deficiency being addressed.
 2. A description of the project.
 3. The likely benefits.
 4. The likely beneficiaries.
 5. A summary of personnel requirements, training and certification levels of participants, and projected work hours.
 6. A detailed budget.
 7. A list of possible alternative/additional sources of funding.
 8. A projection of required administrative participation by North Coast EMS.
 9. A schedule to assess project effectiveness.
 - D. North Coast EMS will give priority consideration to projects fulfilling the following criteria:
 1. Projects addressing a widely recognized need.
 2. Projects benefiting a generally under-served community, especially rural communities.

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3. Projects benefiting the widest target communities.
4. Projects which are self-sustaining.
5. Projects which foment public or EMS community awareness and participation.
6. Projects that do not require substantial North Coast EMS staff hours.
7. Projects which have, or are likely to receive outside funding.
8. Projects which complement initiatives previously undertaken by or under North Coast EMS auspices.
9. Projects which support the efforts of provider agencies and field personnel.

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