

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: 6258 – Scheduled for 1/25/2022 BOS Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response (AzCHER) and Cochise Health & Social Services (CHSS).

Background (Brief):

AzCHER is a statewide coalition of healthcare delivery organizations, emergency services providers, public health agencies, and their emergency preparedness partners in the state of Arizona (each an “AzCHER Member”). AzCHER’s purpose is to promote individual facility and systemic resilience to disasters and large-scale emergencies affecting the provision of healthcare in the state.

This MOU is a voluntary agreement among each of the MOU Participants and serves to coordinate communications between MOU Participants in the event of a Disaster; provide for the potential care and transfer of patients; address the possible loan of supplies, equipment (including vehicles), and other items between MOU Participants; facilitate the possible loan of employed staff or assisted volunteerism of non-employed professional staff; as well as other purposes outlined here.

This MOU addresses the relationships between and among MOU Participants. It is intended to augment, not replace, each Organization’s Disaster plan and other established procedures governing interaction with other entities during a Disaster (e.g., , emergency medical services, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Local Health Departments, tribal health and emergency entities, fire departments, law enforcement organizations, American Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), Medical Reserve Corps (MRCs), etc.).

This MOU is a voluntary, nonbinding agreement among each of the MOU Participants, and no MOU Participant is required to provide assistance unless it determines it is able to do so. However, with its signature on this MOU, each MOU Participant states its intent to cooperate with one another and coordinate response efforts pertaining to the sharing of resources in the event of a Disaster. Each MOU Participant also agrees to incorporate the terms of this MOU into the Organization’s emergency management plans.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

There is no fiscal impact and no funding associated with this MOU

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:

Your approvals are respectfully requested.
Signed MOU to be returned to AzCHER

Impact of Not Approving:

CHSS will not be a MOU Participant.