



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 25, 2013

Resolution 13-06

Proposed No. 13-06.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION supporting the regional approach to the
2 countywide delivery of Medic One/emergency medical
3 services.

4 WHEREAS, the delivery of Medic One/emergency medical services is among the
5 most important service provided to King County residents and an important part of the
6 quality of life afforded to residents of this area, and

7 WHEREAS, the Medic One/emergency medical services system in King County
8 is a regional system that provides any person in the county with equal access to essential
9 life-saving services, regardless of location, income, incident circumstances, day of the
10 week or time of day, and

11 WHEREAS, the Medic One/emergency medical services system in King County
12 is recognized as one of the best emergency medical services programs in the United
13 States and is known worldwide for setting the standard as a model for its service
14 excellence, leadership and, most importantly, its medical results, and

15 WHEREAS, the medical model of the Medic One/emergency medical services
16 system has resulted in a system that has measurably among the finest of medical
17 outcomes in the world for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. In 2011, Seattle & King County
18 achieved a fifty-two-percent survival rate for cardiac arrest, which is the highest rate to
19 date anywhere, and

20 WHEREAS, the system's success can be traced to its unique design tested over
21 time and varied conditions and circumstances to be effective, which is built upon the
22 following 1. Regional, collaborative, crossjurisdictional and coordinated
23 partnerships that allow for “seamless” operations;
24 2. Emergency medical services that are derived from the highest standards of
25 medical training, practices and care, scientific evidence and close supervision by
26 physicians experienced in emergency medical services care;
27 3. Programmatic leadership and state of the art science-based strategies that allow
28 the system to obtain superior medical outcomes and meet its own needs and expectations,
29 as well as of those of its residents;
30 4. Sustained regional focus on operational and financial efficiencies that have led
31 to the system's financial viability and stability, even throughout the economic recession;
32 and
33 5. Support by levy moneys that make the services it provides less vulnerable,
34 though not immune, to fluctuations in the economy;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
36 County:

37 A. The Board of Health supports the valuable and renowned regional Medic
38 One/emergency medical services program;

39 B. The Board of Health supports the consistent, standardized, tiered response, as
40 well as the effective and cost-efficient provision of emergency services throughout the
41 county; and

42 C. The Board of Health supports maintaining the successful medical model for
43 the provision of emergency medical services' science-based strategies, programs and
44 leadership.
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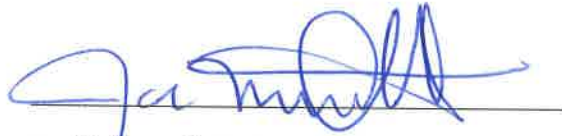
Resolution 13-06 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 2/21/2013,
by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Conlin, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark, Dr. Baker,
Mr. McDermott and Ms. Wales

No: 0

Excused: 4 - Ms. Frisinger, Ms. Lambert, Dr. Nicola and Dr.
Danielson

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None