

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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**TO: Office of the City Manager**  
**ATTN: Deborah Edgerly**  
**FROM: Fire Department**  
**DATE: March 9, 2004**

**RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOWARD E. MICHAELS, MD TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 28, 2004 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2006 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$26,400)**

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**SUMMARY**

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Dr. Howard E. Michaels, MD to provide physician oversight to the Fire Department's emergency medical program for the period February 28, 2004 through February 28, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$26,400.00.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost of \$26,400.00 is budgeted in the Department's operating budget funded from the paramedic assessment funds (Organization Code 20912, Fund 2250). Medical oversight service is mandated by the State when departments provide emergency medical technician and defibrillation services.

**BACKGROUND**

The State of California, Code of Regulations Title 22, requires that a physician or medical director provide medical oversight whenever emergency medical or defibrillation services are provided. Dr. Michaels will monitor emergency medical responses to ensure that the Department's paramedics and emergency medical technicians utilize the appropriate medical protocol when providing Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) services throughout the city of Oakland. Dr. Michaels possesses a working knowledge of the local EMS system, including First Responder, Defibrillation and Paramedic services, and he routinely performs cardiac rhythm interpretation. He will participate in the review of individual defibrillation cases, perform quality improvement to the Paramedic Program and medical oversight for EMT defibrillation and the Medical Response program.

Dr. Michaels is experienced in providing this type of service to other fire jurisdictions that provide emergency medical services. This service is critical to the continued operation of the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services program and service delivery to the citizens of Oakland.

**KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The department responded to more than 40,000 medical calls during fiscal year 2002 - 2003. Dr. Michaels will review and monitor these types of calls to ensure that the appropriate medical protocols are followed and oversee the effectiveness of the emergency medical service delivery.

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It is critical that the contractor possess a current advanced cardiac life-support certification; be highly skilled in cardiac rhythm interpretation; possess a working knowledge of the local EMS system and be medically certified with pre-hospital and emergency care experience. The contractor will also participate in the review of individual cases and provide reports.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

There are no economic, environmental or social equity issues associated with this report.

### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues contained in this report.

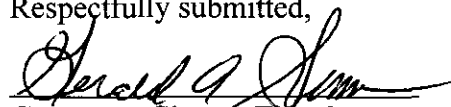
### **RECOMMENDATION (S) AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends approval of a contract with Dr. Howard E. Michaels to provide medical oversight for the Fire Department's emergency medical defibrillation and paramedic program. The contract is for the period February 28, 2004 to February 28, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$26,400.00. This type of service is not available in the City's existing staff thereby requiring us to seek outside contract services.

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution to execute a professional services contract with Howard E. Michaels, MD for the period February 28, 2004 through February 28, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$26,400.00.

Respectfully submitted,

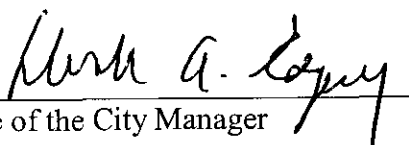


**Gerald A. Simon, Fire Chief**

**Prepared by: Jean A. English**

**Division Chief, Emergency Medical Services**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED  
TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE::

  
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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland Fire Department desires to provide emergency medical technician, defibrillation and paramedic services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department desires to review and monitor the appropriate medical protocol performed by its personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Regulation, Title 22, requires that a physician or medical director provide medical oversight when emergency medical or defibrillation service are provided, and

**WHEREAS**, Howard E. Michaels, MD is experienced and has provided this type of service to other fire jurisdictions which provide emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that this agreement is for services of a professional nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that the performance of this contract shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that the performance of this contract is in the public interest because of economy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute for and on behalf of the City of Oakland, an agreement with Howard E. Michaels, MD to provide medical oversight services to the Fire Department's emergency medical program for the period February 28, 2004 and ending February 28, 2006, in an amount not to exceed twenty six thousand dollars (\$26,400.00); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Office of the City Attorney shall review and approve said agreement as to form and legality prior to execution and copies will be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

**Passed by the following vote:** BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, WAN, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

- AYES-
- NOES-
- ABSENT-
- ABSTENTION-

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CEDA FLOYD  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California