

**October 15, 2015**

**Regular Meeting**

**Ad Hoc EMS**

**Committee**

**Item #2b**

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**EMS Models Worksheets**



# Mono County EMS Ad Hoc Committee Plan

Date	Goal	Tasks	Time Planned	Comments
10/15/15	<p>Review and formulate action plan to complete process.</p> <p>Firm up and prioritize models for report to BOS and begin model development (<b>do heavy lifting</b>)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reflect on presentations, round robin sharing of impressions and progress to date</li> <li>2. Review and adopt and/or change plan to complete process and recommendations as follows:</li> <li>3. Firm up definitions of: a) High Quality b) County Wide c) Fiscally Sustainable models</li> <li>4. Apply definitions and prioritize models based on recommended <b>best model, second best, etc.</b></li> <li>5. Discuss and decide on how to further develop models e.g., all together or sub-committees and/or staff support with work on details for models:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Basic structure</li> <li>b. Partnerships/agreements w/others</li> <li>c. Additional revenue</li> <li>d. Expense reduction</li> <li>e. Implementation recommendations</li> <li>f. Assign writing of draft set of recommendations to be disseminated for review and feedback</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Reflect on progress</li> </ol>	<p>to 2:00</p> <p>to 2:15</p> <p>to 2:30</p> <p>to 3:30</p> <p>to 3:45</p> <p>to 4:00</p>	<p>Focus on essential model designs with optimal (6.5 level) detail, not nuances of implementation</p> <p>Use ranking variation of consensus tool and process as needed..</p> <p>Virtual communication and/or sub-committee meetings may be necessary.</p>

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<p>11/5/15 10/29/15</p>	<p>Further develop model(s) for report to BOS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluate process and progress</li> <li>2. Continue work on details for models:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Basic structure</li> <li>b. Partnerships/agreements w/others</li> <li>c. Additional revenue</li> <li>d. Expense reduction</li> <li>e. Implementation recommendations</li> <li>f. Review and firm up draft set of recommendations to be provided to BOS.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Reflect on progress</li> </ol>	<p>to 1:15 to 3:45</p> <p>to 4:00</p>	<p>Focus on essential model designs with optimal (6.5 level) detail, and recommendations for implementation</p> <p>Use consensus tool and process if needed.</p> <p>Virtual communication may be necessary.</p>
<p>11/19/15 11/12/15</p>	<p>Finalize write-up to Board of Supervisors and plan to celebrate success</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalize report to BOS.</li> <li>2. Plan presentation to/workshop with Board of Supervisors</li> <li>3. Reflect on progress and plan</li> <li>4. Plan celebration of success?</li> </ol>		<p>Use consensus tool and process if needed.</p>

# Mono County EMS Definitions

**High quality** for Mono County EMS means a clearly defined, well managed system that provides an integrated continuum of EMS care with flexibility considering regional population variance and risk assessment. Factors to consider in achieving high quality include:

1. ICEMA requirements and EMS industry benchmarks and applicable consensus standards
2. Coordination with other entities providing care, e.g. hospital, base station, public health, veterans affairs, other providers, including for patient follow-up and preventative health
3. Well trained, competent manager and staff operating under defined SOPs
4. Measurable standards and objectives (e.g., response time, level of care, patient satisfaction)
5. Community involvement
6. The need to balance quality with county wide access and cost (fiscal sustainability)

**A county-wide** EMS means clearly defined access to appropriate ALS services for all residents and visitors in all areas based on community needs, geographic region population and accessibility. Factors to consider include:

1. Risk assessment, including seasonal population variation, i.e. peak and shoulder seasons
2. Applicable benchmarks and consensus standards (e.g., response time)
3. Flexibility in response resources, including County EMS, fire departments and/or private firms, providing staff who have a legal duty to act
4. Required data, to include detailed, accurate statistics
5. The need to balance service quality, county wide access and fiscally sustainability

**A fiscally sustainable** EMS means one that responsibly minimizes and balances the County contribution from the general fund with support of other county services by maximizing other revenue streams and containing costs. Factors to consider include:

1. Local fire department involvement
2. Creating a 3 to 5 year master plan, including finances and general fund impact over time, with best projections and expense control to improve predictability
3. Community education and involvement in planning, plan execution and continuing services
4. Pursuing all potential revenue sources, e.g. taxes, grants, subsidies, revenue cycle management
5. The need to balance service quality, county wide access and fiscally sustainability

We don't know for sure if this conversation ever actually took place, but if it did it may have gone like this . . .

## Yogi Berra Explains Jazz

**Interviewer:** Can you explain jazz?

**Yogi:** I can't, but I will. 90% of all jazz is half improvisation. The other half is the part people play while others are playing something they never played with anyone who played that part. So if you play the wrong part, it's right. If you play the right part, it might be right if you play it wrong enough. But if you play it too right, it's wrong.

**Interviewer:** I don't understand.

**Yogi:** Anyone who understands jazz knows that you can't understand it. It's too complicated. That's what's so simple about it.

**Interviewer:** Do you understand it?

**Yogi:** No. That's why I can explain it. If I understood it, I wouldn't know anything about it.

**Interviewer:** Are there any great jazz players alive today?

**Yogi:** No. All the great jazz players alive today are dead. Except for the ones that are still alive. But so many of them are dead, that the ones that are still alive are dying to be like the ones that are dead. Some would kill for it.

**Interviewer:** What is syncopation?

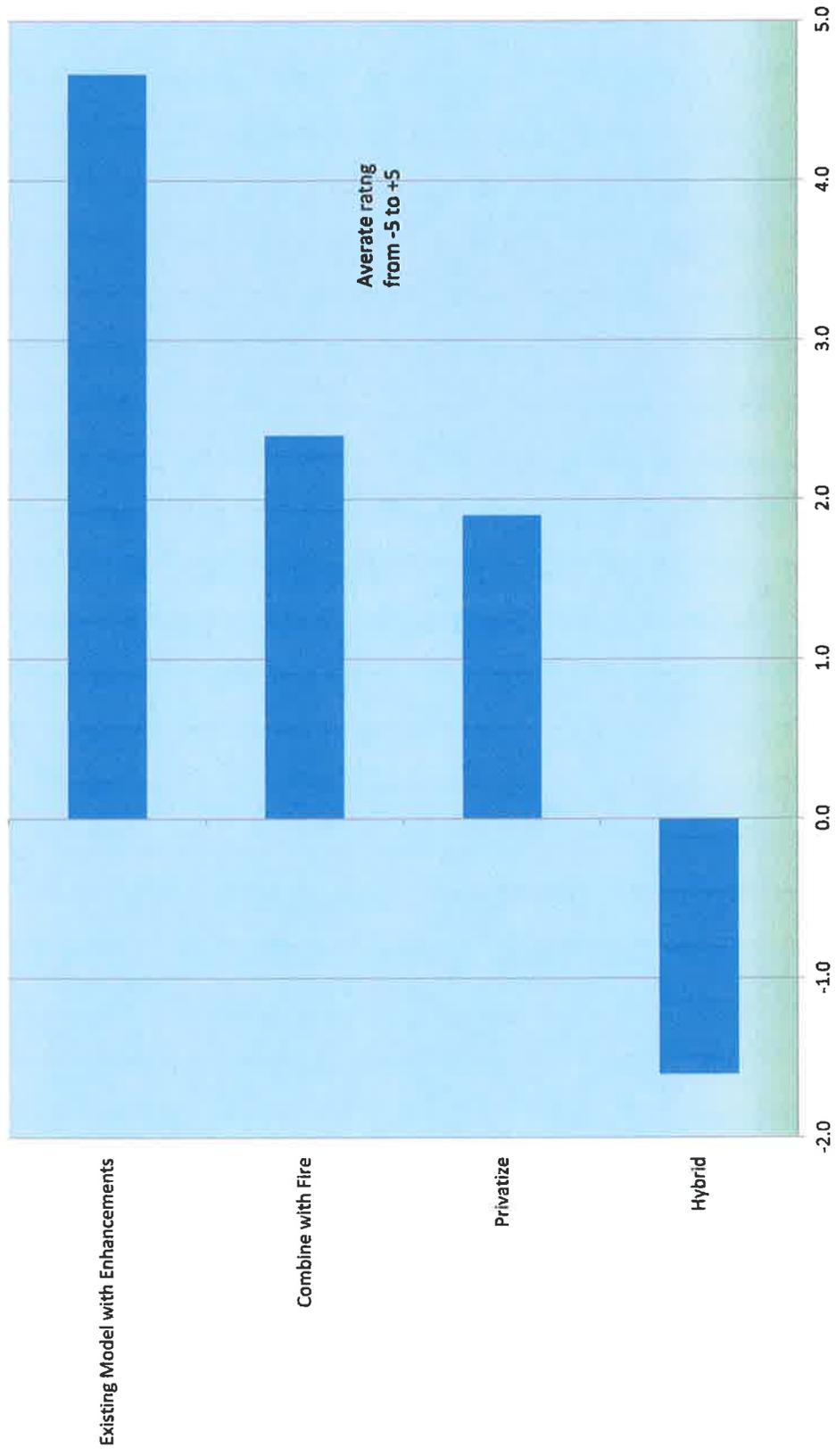
**Yogi:** That's when the note that you should hear now happens either before or after you hear it. In jazz, you don't hear notes when they happen because that would be some other type of music. Other types of music can be jazz, but only if they're the same as something different from those other kinds.

**Interviewer:** Now I really don't understand.

**Yogi:** I haven't taught you enough for you to not understand jazz that well.

Courtesy of Steve Goodson (the "Sax Gourmet") and [www.saxnation.com](http://www.saxnation.com)

# Mono County EMS Models Ad Hoc Committee Recommend BOS Consider



# Ranking Worksheet for: Mono County EMS Models

## Rank Models As 1 = best, 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> best, 3 = 3<sup>rd</sup> best etc.

Mission: "To support all our communities by providing superior services while protecting our unique rural environment?"

	County-wide means clearly defined access to appropriate ALS services for all residents and visitors in all areas based on community needs, geographic region population, and accessibility.	High quality means a clearly defined, well managed system that provides an integrated continuum of EMS care with flexibility considering regional population variance and risk assessment.	Fiscally sustainable means an EMS that responsibly minimizes and balances the County contribution from the general fund with support of other county services by maximizing other revenue streams and containing costs.
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Reasons Preferred</b>	<b>Implementation Recommendations</b>
1			
2			
3			
4			