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TO: Mayor, City Manager, and City Council of Oklahoma City
Mayor, City Manager, and City Council of Tulsa

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Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Expenses for the Emergency Physicians
Foundation/Medical Control Board.

Background

Dr. Jeffrey Goodloe, Chief Medical Officer, is submitting the budget for the Emergency Physicians Foundation/Medical Control Board for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Council consideration. The Medical Control Board of the Emergency Physicians Foundation provides medical oversight to the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), the Oklahoma City Fire Department, the Tulsa Fire Department, and a multitude of suburban fire departments. The Medical Control Board leadership has already approved the Emergency Physicians Foundation/Medical Control Board’s annual expenses of \$1,596,345 for FY 2024-25. This represents an increase in total expenses of \$117,937 or 7.9% in comparison to FY 2023-24. Increasing responsibilities of medical oversight necessitate hiring an additional PTE EMS physician dedicating to an expanding array of mobile integrate healthcare program (e.g., opioid response teams) and incurring additional operational costs, including increasing liability insurance premiums.

This submitted annual budget reflects a 4% salary adjustment for medical oversight personnel and an additional market adjustment for Dr. Knoles as Associate Chief Medical Officer. We are pleased to report successful recruitment and pending hiring of an experienced EMS physician already familiar with State of Oklahoma EMS laws and regulations. Our successfully hired Master of Public Health biostatistician in last year’s budget has already exceeded expectations, being a published author on the largest EMS dispatch data linked to patient outcomes study in the history of EMS.

This budget is funded primarily (79.5%) from EMSA CQI designated funds, funds that represent no additional cost to city budgets. There is a small percent (8.5%) composite funded from assessments to each city employing



EMT-Intermediates/Advanced EMTs and/or Paramedics in the fire service.

These assessments for additional services required in medical oversight to advanced life support EMS personnel in the fire service are heavily discounted (over 65% discount applied) from actual Medical Control Board/Office of the Medical Director costs of support, due to the funding supplied by EMSA. The entire complement of cities associated with the Medical Control Board that staff advanced life support EMS personnel on fire service apparatus are contributing to the Fire Department ALS Programs fund, each equally assessed per EMT-Intermediate/Advanced EMT and Paramedic employed.

The funding for the Emergency Physicians Foundation/Medical Control Board from EMSA is paid monthly by EMSA, as stated in Section 6-9.1 of Chapter 6 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2022. The costs are allocated on a pro-rata basis based upon the relative ambulance unit hours in each Division (for FY 2024-25, the allocations are at 47% Eastern and 53% Western). The Emergency Physicians Foundation/Medical Control Board's expenses represent less than 1.75% of the overall EMSA budget.

The funding for the Emergency Physician Foundation/Medical Control Board from the cities with advanced life support CQI assessments is paid either monthly or in one lump sum at the preference of each city.

To protect its independence, the Medical Control Board directs its Chief Medical Officer to submit its budget for approval by both beneficiary cities of the Trust. Thus, The City of Oklahoma City and The City of Tulsa must approve the Medical Control Board budget before it can take full effect.