

Avondale

West Valley Community Paramedicine Pilot Program Introduction

City Council Meeting
June 6, 2016



Aspiring. Achieving. Accelerating.

Fire-Based EMS Care History

- Emergency medical service destination options
- Once 911 is activated
 - Ambulance transport to an Emergency Room
 - Signed Refusal form allowing them to stay home or drive themselves to Urgent Care facility or family doctor



Community Medicine is Evolving

- Goal is to better triage & provide better options for primary care & follow-up for those not needing 911 resources or an emergency room.
- Desire to reduce the cost of healthcare
- Get patients to the most appropriate level of care
- Reduce the number of unnecessary ER readmissions

“Community paramedicine is increasingly being recognized as a promising solution to efficiently increase access to care (especially for underserved populations)”

AZ. Department of Health Services



A Typical Scenario

- Elderly female suffers chronic falls at home and does not have good family support
- 911 crew responds frequently and after an initial assessment the patient refuses ambulance to ER
- 911 crew requests Community Medicine unit to respond and do a detailed safety and social assessment which leads to a connection with her primary care physician and possibly other city services



Today's Active Community Programs

- Buckeye (focused on post-hospital discharge)
- Mesa \$12.5m grant (behavioral & post-hospital discharge)
- Chandler (low acuity, behavioral, post-hospital discharge)
- Rio Rico (low acuity, behavioral, post-hospital discharge)
- Golder Ranch Fire District
- Green Valley Fire District

Also in; Colorado, Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, Texas,
Canada



Public-Private Regional Partnerships

- Vitalyst Health Foundation- Grantor
(Previously named St Luke's Health Foundation)
- \$125,000.00 grant
- Grantees
 - Avondale Fire-Medical
 - Goodyear Fire (grant administration lead agency)
 - Peoria Fire-Medical
 - Surprise Fire-Medical
 - Sun City Fire-Medical



6-12 Month Pilot Project

- Phase 1: Community Medicine specific training
- Phase 2: Response: Two 2-person units, 20 hours per week
 - (Avondale & Goodyear/ Peoria, Surprise, Sun City)
- Phase 3: Demographic data collection & feasibility study
- Phase 4: Operational plan recommendations with long term financial impacts back to City Management



Discussion

Staff is seeking council direction to accept & participate in this Community Paramedicine pilot grant from Vitalyst Health Foundation

