

Meeting Date
August 4, 2015



AGENDA	
Section	Resolutions
Item No.	I.E

**AGENDA REPORT**  
*BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

SUBJECT:	Resolution recognizing Coastal Health Systems of Brevard (CHSB) achieving accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). (Commissioner Andy Anderson, District V) Fiscal Impact: \$00.00
DEPT/OFFICE:	Fire Rescue Department/District V

**Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approve the attached Resolution recognizing Coastal Health Systems of Brevard's (CHSB) recent receipt of a third three-year national accreditation for excellence from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS).

**Summary Explanation & Background:**

In May 2006, the BOCC recognized CHSB's receipt of their first accreditation by CAAS. In 2009 and 2012, the BOCC recognized Coastal's continuous reaccreditation by CAAS. This accreditation is considered the "gold standard" for non-fire service municipal ambulance service providers and in the entire State of Florida, only ten other providers have went through the arduous process and achieved accreditation. This process includes a very rigorous administrative review of records, reports, policies and procedures by a three-person team comprised of operational, compliance and clinical experts in their field. In CHSB's most recent accreditation this team included two EMS Administrators from New Jersey and North Carolina and a physician experienced in emergency department operations from Pennsylvania. All team members must be from out of the applicant agency's state and be in a non-competitive position.

Upon approval following a very lengthy and intensive off-site review of the application package, the team schedules a two-day on-site evaluation to ensure the administrative package accurately reflects what is happening at the company. Once this process is complete, the team recommends approval to a board of commissioners for final approval and accreditation.

As Brevard County's exclusive provider of non-emergency ambulance services, they have consistently gone above and beyond to maintain professional excellence and deliver a very high quality of service to the healthcare facilities, their patients and the citizens of Brevard County. Continuously seeking to provide unique services, work in concert with Brevard County Fire Rescue (BCFR) and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) whenever needed and to consistently perform at a higher level than mandated by their ambulance franchise agreement, CHSB stands as a superb example of an agency that the County can and does count on every hour of every day.

FISCAL IMPACT: FY 15/16 \$00.00

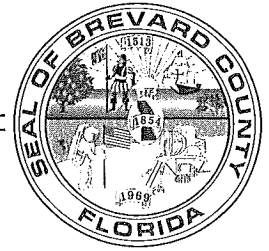
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Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached):	Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
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County Manager	Assistant County Manager, Frank Abbate	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager, Venetta Valdengo	Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Chief/Director



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August 5, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Andy Anderson, District 5

RE: Item I.E., Resolution Recognizing Coastal Health Systems of Brevard Achieving Accreditation Through The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on August 4, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-114, recognizing Coastal Health Systems of Brevard, Inc., for their exceptional professional achievement, and commitment to the citizens of Brevard County in remaining one of the only nine ambulance services within the State of Florida to be awarded Accreditation of Ambulance Services. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Etheridge*

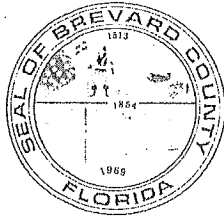
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Encl. (1)

Cc: Fire Chief/Director

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

**WHEREAS, COASTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS OF BREVARD, INC.** voluntarily re-entered into the national accreditation process of the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services in their continuing resolve to remain accredited and in doing so, continue to meet the highest standard of the ambulance service industry and deliver the finest quality and highest level of care to the citizens of Brevard County; and

**WHEREAS, this accreditation process reviews and sets standard for all components of an ambulance service, including management and administration, community relations and outreach, human resource and financial management, professional and clinical standards, safety, maintenance, operations, communications and dispatching, deployment of the most modern vehicles and equipment, and a steadfast commitment to interagency operability and support; and**

**WHEREAS, there are only eleven EMS organizations within the entire State of Florida that have undertaken the extensive and rigorous process of meeting these standards, with COASTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS OF BREVARD being one of the original three of these eleven organizations; and**

**WHEREAS, the success of Coastal's management and staff in remaining committed to maintaining this important and impressive professional distinction stands in testimony to the company's leadership and dedication to professional excellence and illuminates its continuing commitment to our County, its citizens, and the health care establishment within Brevard County.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize and commend**

**COASTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS OF BREVARD, INC., ITS PRESIDENT AND CEO BILL McCARTHY, AND ITS EMPLOYEES**

*for their exceptional professional achievement and commitment to the citizens of our County in remaining one of only nine ambulance services within the State of Florida to be awarded accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services.*

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.**

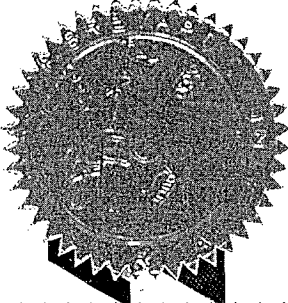
ATTEST:

*Scott Ellis*

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING COASTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS OF BREVARD, INC, AND ITS PRESIDENT, BILL McCARTHY FOR THE COMPANY'S SUCCESSFUL ACCREDITATION**

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