

THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To: Patti McLauchlin, City Manager
From: Keith Hernandez, Division Chief of EMS, KWFD
Date: November 9, 2022
Reference: Medical Director Agreement

Action Statement:

The Key West Fire Department respectfully requests the City Manager to execute the proposed Medical Director Services Agreement with Dr. Antonio Gandia and Dr. Aldo Manresa in the best interests of the City Sec. 2-797 (4) b.

Background:

Chapter 401, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code 64-J, adopted pursuant thereto, require the appointment of a licensed physician as Medical Director for emergency service systems.

The current agreement between the City of Key West and Dr. Antonio Gandia, effective January 1, 2022, designates Dr. Antonio Gandia as Medical Director for the City of Key West Fire Department and expires January 1, 2023.

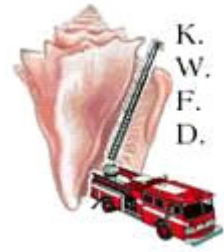
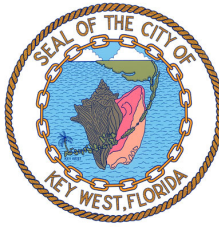
Purpose & Justification:

The purpose of this Agreement is to support compliance of the City in medical direction of emergency medical services and emergency medical service personnel in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 401, Florida Statutes and Chapter 64-J-100.4, Florida.

In less than a year, Medical Director Antonio Gandia, with the assistance of Dr. Manresa, has positively accelerated the level of care inside the Key West Fire Department and community. Examples of this include:

- Aided in securing a \$42,000 grant to offset costs of the KWFD paramedic program.
- Developed an EMT-B IV program to assist paramedics on scene.
- Assisted in securing a grant in the amount of \$36,247 from DOH to support the purchase of (3) LifePak 15 defibrillators/monitors.

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- Supported KWFD in registering the fire engines as Advanced Life Support
- Assisted KWFD staff to facilitate KWPD in carrying the life saving medication Narcan for opioid overdoses and/or exposures.
- Provided boots on the ground support to City EOC Staff & KWFD during Tropical Storm Ian.
- Responded to calls for service during Fantasy Fest Fri/Sat night on Gator units, and assisted with patient care and transport.
- Revised, approved, provided training on, and assisted with the implementation of KWFD 2022 Version 1 EMS Protocols and standing orders.

Staff has determined it to be in the best interests of the residents and visitors of Key West to contract with Dr. Antonio Gandia and Dr. Aldo Manresa for the purpose of providing Medical Director Services to the City. We have found their qualifications far exceed the standard.

Financial Impact:

The cost of the proposed agreement would be \$48,000.00 per year for a 3-year term, with the option of two (2) one (1) year renewals with the same terms and conditions contained in the agreement.

The amount for the first year has been adopted in the FY 2022-2023 budget in the EMS/Contractual Services account 001-2601-526-3400.

Recommendations:

KWFD recommends the City Manager to execute proposed agreement and the Commission to approve in the best interest of the City of Key West's residents and visitors.

Approve the contract between the City of Key West and Dr. Antonio Gandia and Dr. Aldo Manresa as the Medical Directors for all EMS Services delivered by the City of Key West, pursuant to terms and conditions outlined in the contract.

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