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Approval of the 2016 STRAC MIH Grant Award

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BACKGROUND

- On October 1, 2014, SAFD began a six month pilot Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Program which focused on patients with high volume use of the 911 system.
- Since the inception of the program, SAFD MIH paramedics have made over 2,400 patient contacts with over 165 participants.



Goal of Program

- Interact with asthma patients in non-emergency settings and provide proactive care, intervention and healthcare navigation, and establishment of the patient's medical home in order to improve their health.



Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC)

- Working in conjunction with STRAC and the City of Schertz towards data sharing within the medical community and building strong clinical, physician, and regional partnerships.
- STRAC MIH Consortium Program additional funding from the following:
 - University Hospital
 - Community First
 - Other entities that have interest in the consortium program.



FUNDING

- SAFD has worked through the MIH consortium to receive a \$392,000 grant working with juvenile asthma patients who are frequent utilizers of the 911 system.
- The grant, effective through August 31, 2016, will help cover personnel costs, supplies, equipment and vehicles.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Staff recommends approval of this grant from STRAC which will help continue funding the MIH program.

