

## AD HOC FIRE, EMS AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Chairman David Bussone - District 5

Richard Kleindienst Sr - District 1

Leland Greek - District 2

Gail Lazenby - District 3

Jeffrey Bogue - District 4

**August 4, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

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Meeting Location: Wildwood Community Center (6500 Powell Road, Washington and Jefferson Rooms, Wildwood, FL 34785)

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## AGENDA

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN  
INVOCATION  
FLAG SALUTE

1. **Public Forum**
2. **Minutes from July 21, 2021 Meeting (Staff Recommends Approval).**

Documents:

[07.21.2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

3. **Current System and Ten Options for the Fire and Medical Response System to Improve Patient Outcomes (For Discussion).**

Documents:

[Options Summary.pdf](#)  
[Options.pdf](#)

**4. Next Meeting**

August 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM - Wildwood Community Center, Washington and Jefferson  
Rooms, 6500 County Rd 139, Wildwood, FL 34785

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**AD-HOC FIRE EMS AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

The Sumter County Ad-Hoc Fire, EMS, and Medical Transport Committee convened in a regular session on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at the Wildwood Community Center, Washington and Jefferson Rooms, in Wildwood, Florida, with the following members present: Richard Kleindienst, Sr, District No. 1; Leland Greek, District 2; Gail J. Lazenby, District No. 3; Jeffrey Bogue, District No. 4; and Chairman David Bussone, District No. 5. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Leslie Smith, Committee Liaison and Administrative Services Manager, and Jennifer Rey, County Attorney. Desmond Fitzpatrick, M.D., and Alison Leung M.D. were in attendance to present at the meeting.

Chairman Bussone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the invocation given by Chairman Bussone, followed by the flag salute led by Mr. Greek.

**1. Requested Documentation**

- a. Fire Department & EMS Response Data (For Information Only)**
- b. Nurse Navigator Agreement & Summary (For Information Only)**
- c. Population Density Zones of Sumter County Florida (For Information Only)**
- d. 911 Public Safety Emergency Communications Transition (For Information Only)**

Leslie Smith discussed the requested documents provided to the Committee noting that the response data for the Fire Departments was separated by departments and explained the total busy and total response terms; the population density map used is generated from 2010 Census data provided but will be updated once new data is received from the 2020 Census, and that the 911 transition was provided due to it being presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the July 13<sup>th</sup> budget workshop.

**2. UF EMS Medical Direction and EMS System Discussion - Dr. Desmond Fitzpatrick M.D. and Dr. Alison Leung**

Dr. Fitzpatrick addressed the Committee, providing a brief historical overview of EMS. He detailed the EMS Levels of Service, which include First Aid/First Responder, Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS), and Critical Care Transport, while discussing the main types of transport systems used. Then he explained the two types of medical oversight provided by UF Health: Indirect

Medical Oversight and Direct Medical Oversight. Indirect Medical Oversight focuses on EMS provider education, credentialing, field clinical supervision, system quality assistance, and performance improvement, protocol development, designation of oversight and base station, designation of trauma and specialty centers, EMS provider safety and well being, EMS administrative issues, management, and finance, legal and regulatory issues, EMS research, public health, education, prevention and responses to catastrophic public health events. In comparison, Direct Medical Oversight deals with online medical control, on-scene medical direction, and direct patient care in the field.

Dr. Fitzpatrick continued by giving a brief overview of UF Medical Direction and EMS Division. The faculty has more than 100 years of combined EMS experience with a variety of expertise in law enforcement and SWAT, helicopter and air EMS, critical care response, mass gathering and stadium response, disaster and hazmat, and paramedic education. Medical direction is provided to over 1,600 providers, with a combined population of roughly one million people covering 4,200 square miles. Currently, the department provides protocol review and development, active and up-to-date education, and a robust quality assurance/improvement plan to Sumter County.

Dr. Fitzpatrick stated that rather than discussing options, he wanted to speak about the Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) Concept. To increase quality patient care, alternative response systems must be explored as alternatives to the traditional engine and ambulance response. This can be done by adding a QRV, adapting levels of response based on call triage, and using other resources such as telehealth and nurse navigator lines. A QRV unit will cost less, be able to provide the same quality of care, and will allow engines to remain active to respond to fires and critical calls. QRV's are an advancement in patient care delivery, responding to 911 calls, assisting the patient in care options, and providing real-time field education.

Dr. Fitzpatrick further discussed EMS System Designs and the usage of a Public, Private and Academic Partnership to improve patient care. By allowing medicine to be the driver, the citizens will receive fast response times, dedicated medical first response units, and increased care options. They will have the ability to get to know their crew members while receiving community interest-based classes; this will in turn, cause the crews to feel more engaged, leading to better recruitment and retention, which provides better care for the community.

After the presentation, Dr. Fitzpatrick answered questions from the Committee related to the Medical Director operation in Sumter County.

### **3. Public Forum**

The following individuals spoke during Public Forum:

*(Clerk's Note: Addresses and spelling are compared with the Property Appraiser's website (when applicable) and are as accurate as possible.)*

- Fire Chief Edmund Cain, The Villages Public Safety Department, provided a letter to the Committee. Based on statements made by Chief Cain, there was a consensus to have Chief Cain give a presentation to the Committee at the next meeting.
- Lynne Krupski
- Rusty Medio
- Donna Brown

At the request of the Chairman, Dr. Fitzpatrick clarified the academic partnership following the public forum.

#### **4. Minutes from July 7, 2021 Meeting (Staff Recommends Approval)**

Chairman Bussone noted an error in the minutes reflecting that Chief Hanson was in attendance in his official capacity, which was not accurate. There was a question of Chief Cain's attendance which was not in a presenter role at the July 7, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passes 5-0.

#### **5. Current System and Ten options for the Fire and Medical Response System to Improve Patient Outcomes (For Discussion)**

Leslie Smith addressed the Committee stating an Options Summary was supplied showing three questions related to the Fire and Medical Response System. She asked that the Committee review the summary for discussion.

Chairman Bussone addressed his fellow committee members, stating that he would like to use Robert's Rules of Order. He asked if it was agreed, requiring a motion and a second to discuss items.

Mr. Kleindienst stated he would like to hear more information about what Chief Cain brought up in the public forum regarding creating a special district before he was comfortable proceeding.

County Attorney Jennifer Rey addressed the Committee regarding Chief Cain's statements proposing The Village Center Community Development District (TVCCDD) create an independent special fire district to provide services to The Villages. She stated that the Florida Legislature would have to designate TVCCDD as an independent district. This would then allow the district to levy fire assessment fees and mileage on property owners.

The members then began to discuss Fire, EMS, and Medical Transport Services in Sumter County. The consensus was to postpone further discussion of a recommendation until the next meeting on August 4, 2021. The Committee confirmed their request to have Chief Cain attend the next meeting to answer questions related to the item he brought up in the forum.

## **6. Next Meeting**

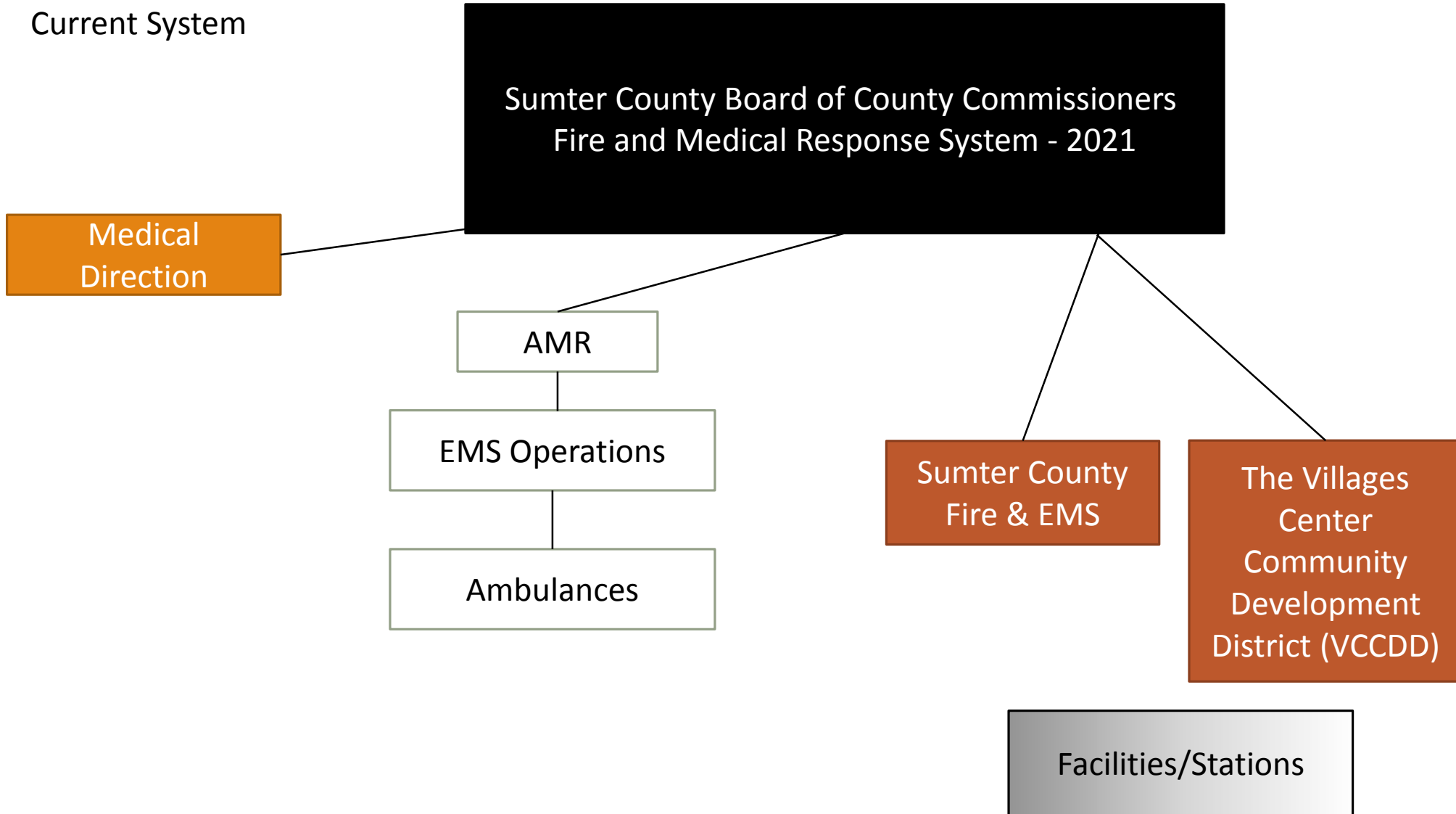
August 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. - Wildwood Community Center, Washington, and Jefferson Rooms, 6500 County Rd 139, Wildwood, FL 34785

## **7. Adjourn**

Mr. Bussone adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Option	Quick Response Vehicles			Fire Departments		Medical Transport	
	None	Added	Added to Fire Dept	Consolidated Department	Separate Departments	Contracted	Added to Fire Department
1	X				X		Private
2	X			X			Private
3		X			X		Private
4		X		X			Private
5		X			X		Academic
6		X		X			Academic
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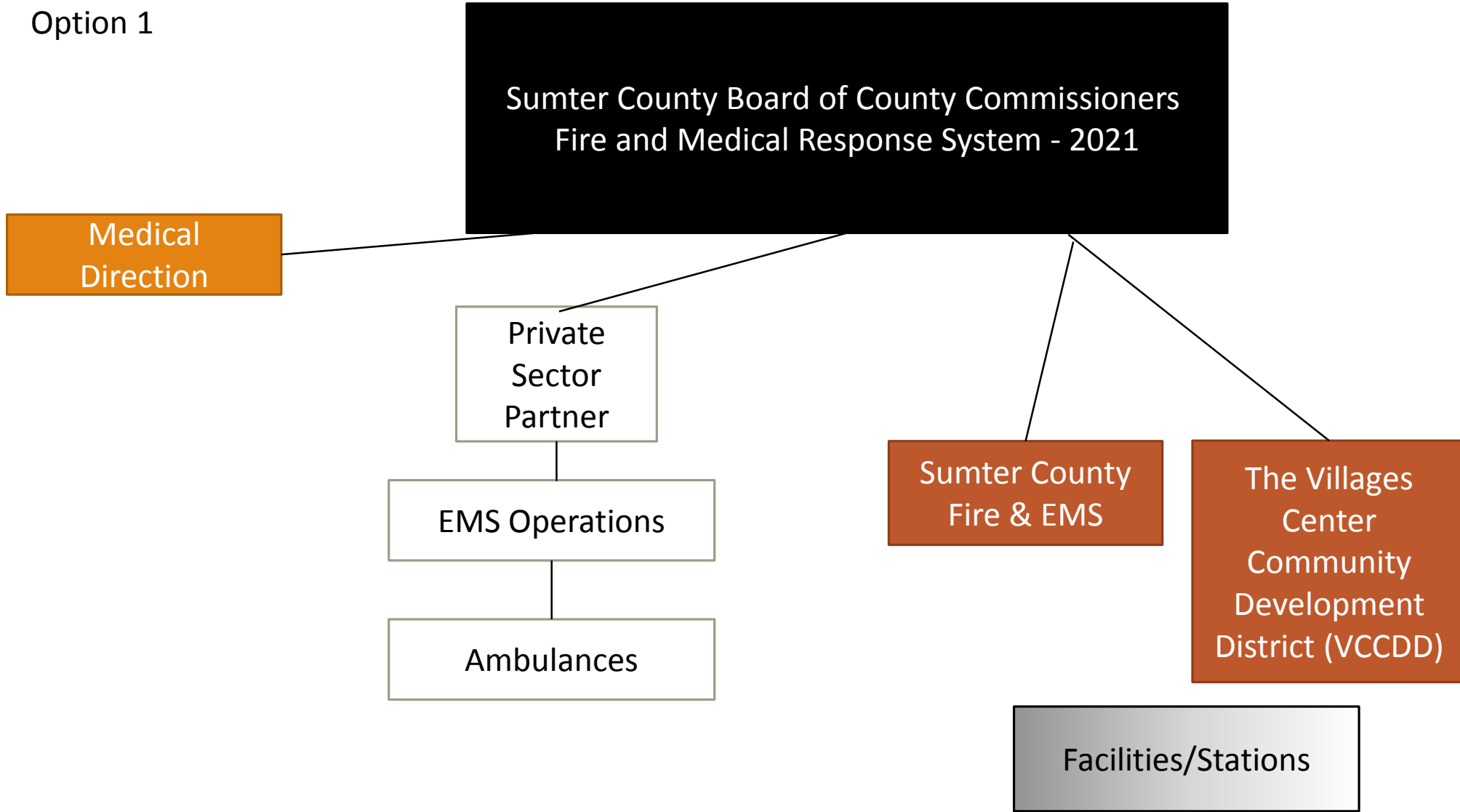
Current System





Option 1

Without QRVs



Option 2

Without QRVs

Sumter County Board of County Commissioners  
Fire and Medical Response System - 2021

Medical  
Direction

Private  
Sector  
Partner

EMS Operations

Ambulances

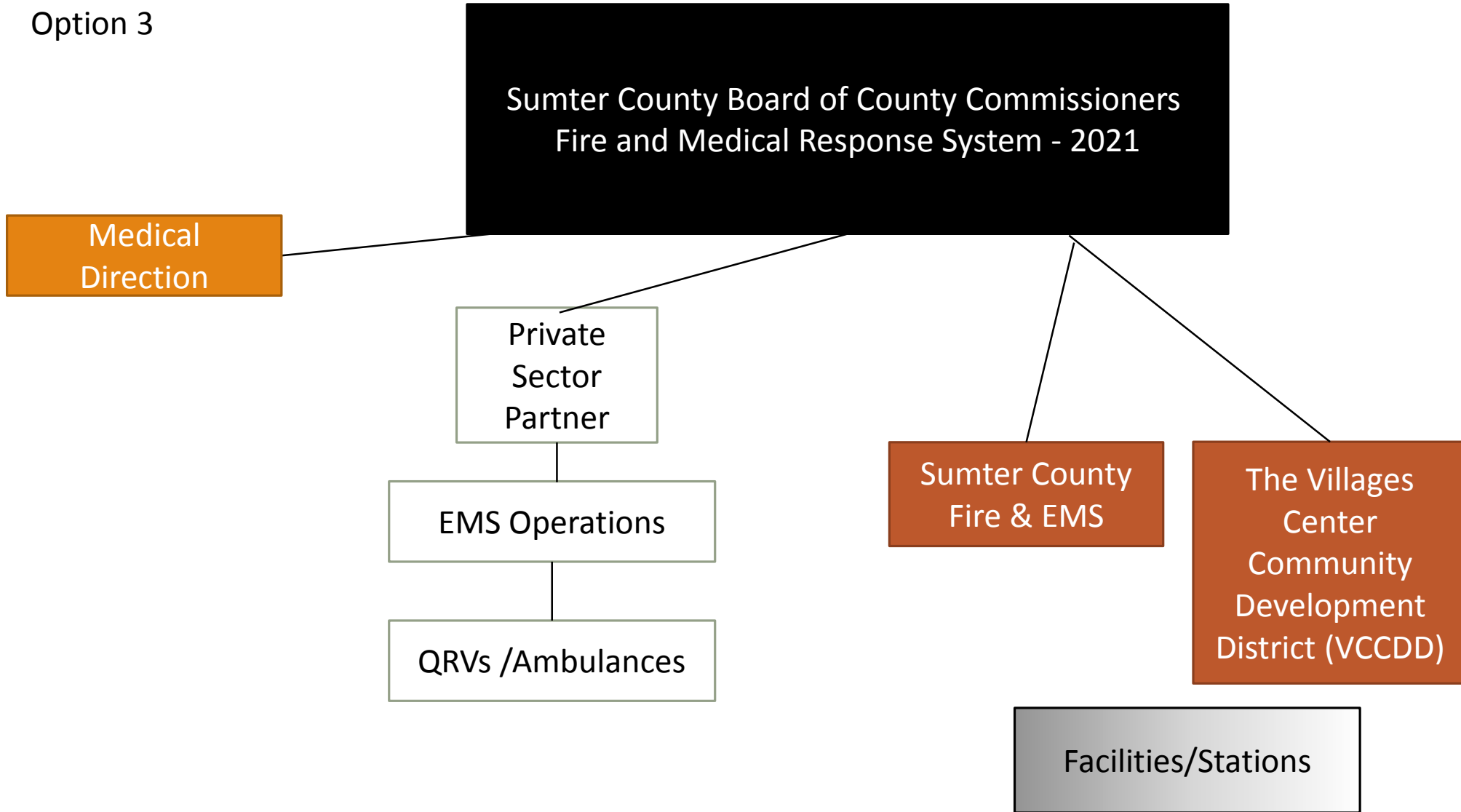
Sumter County  
Fire & EMS

Facilities/Stations



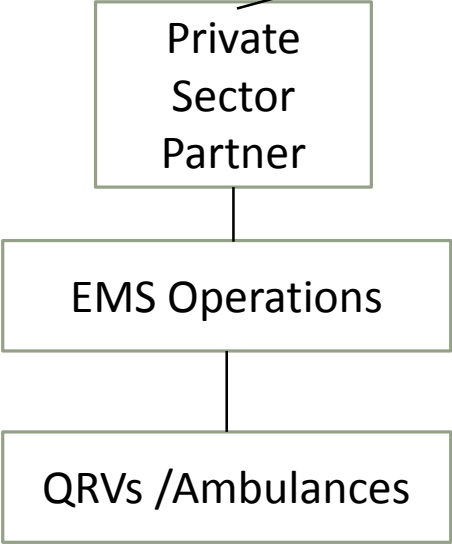
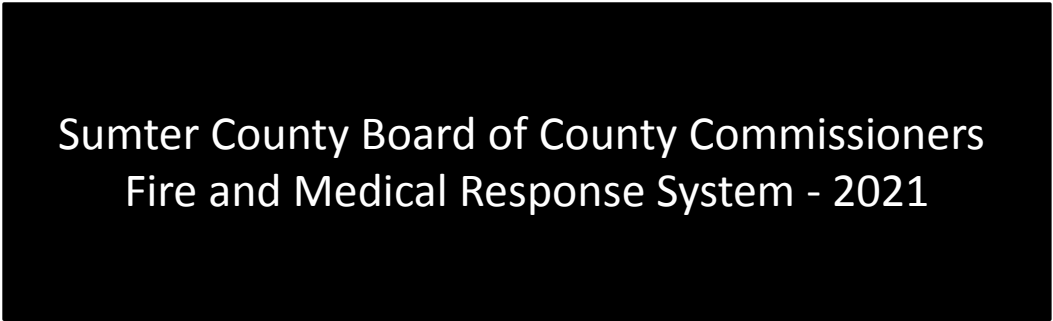
Option 3

With QRVs



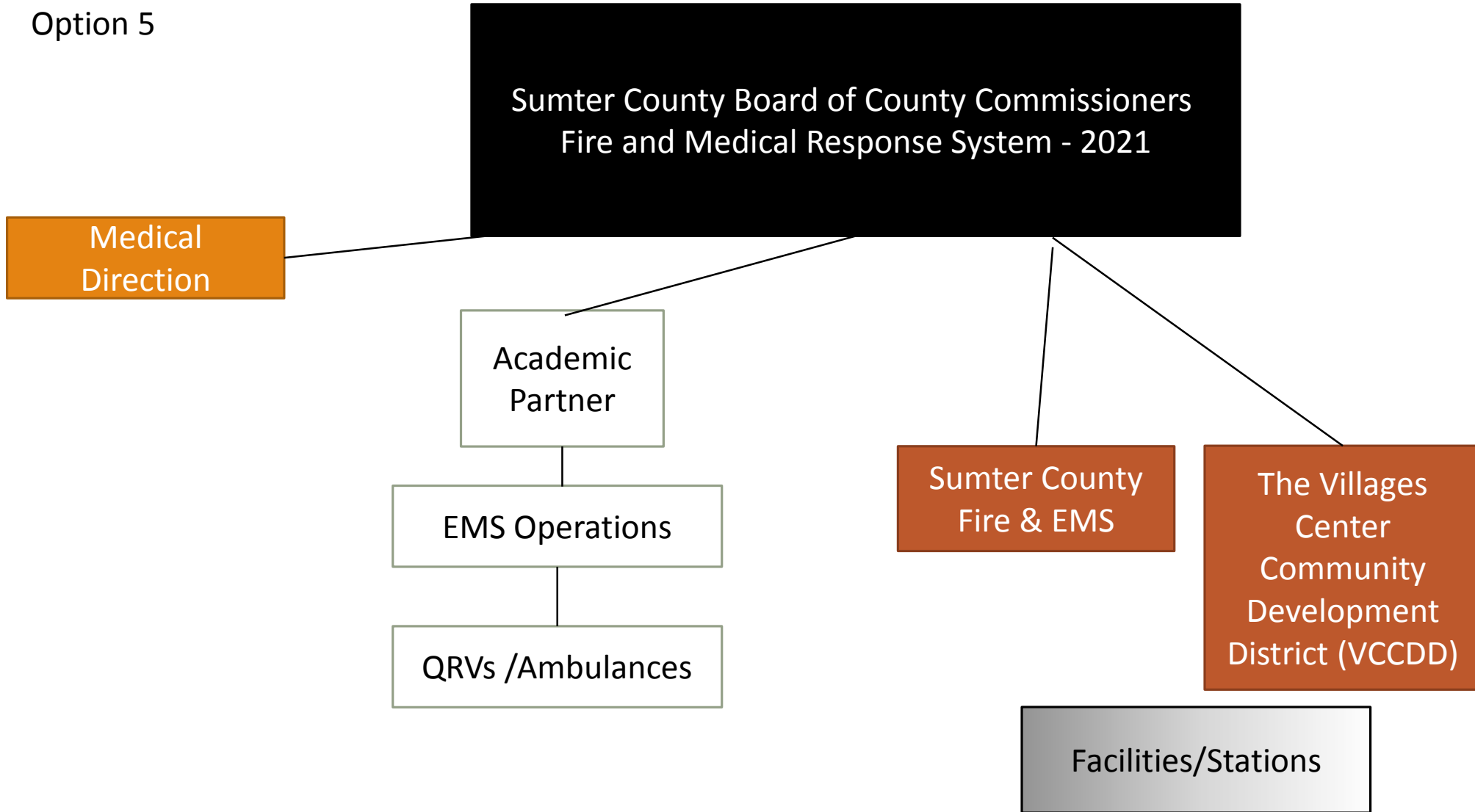
Option 4

With QRVs



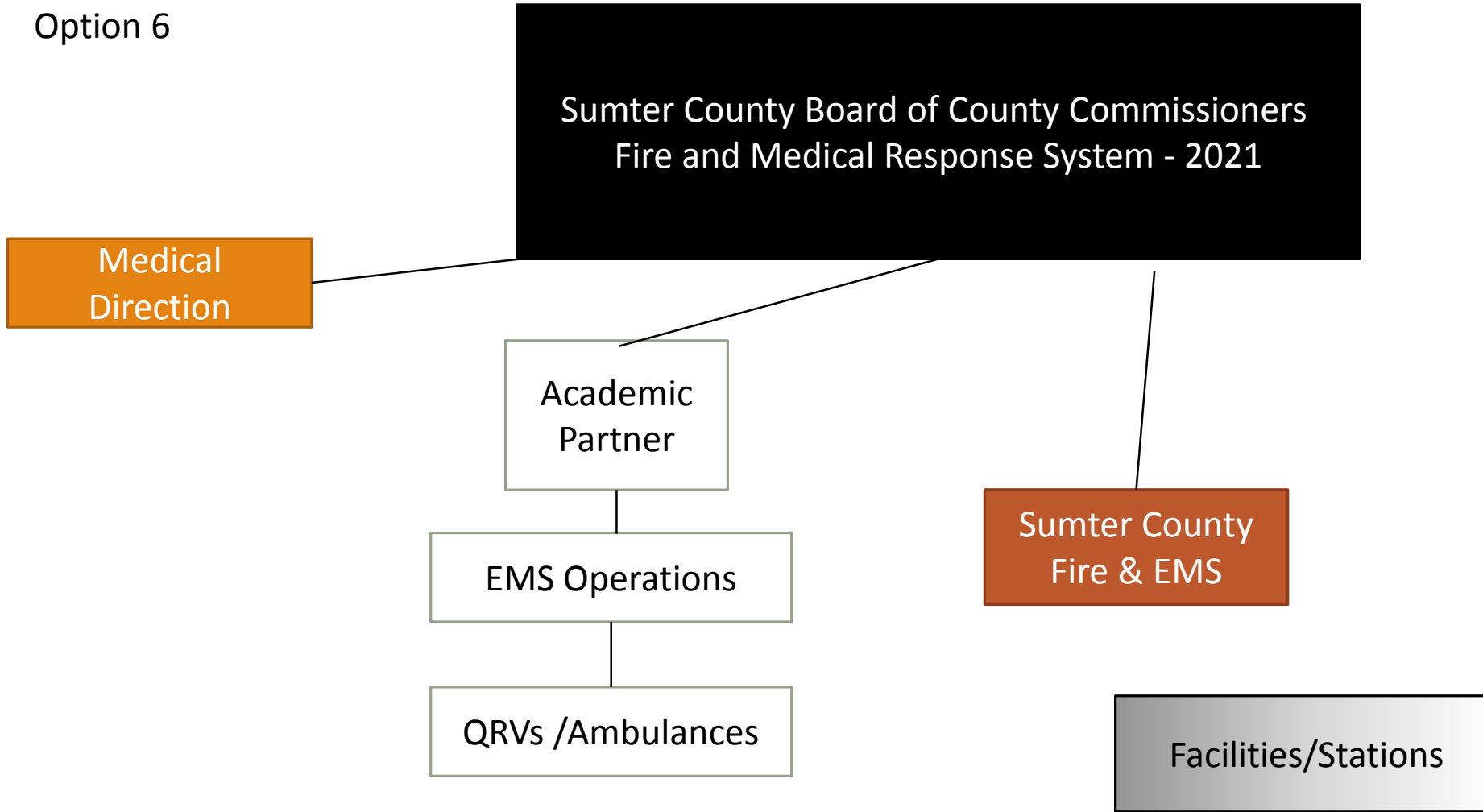
Option 5

With QRVs



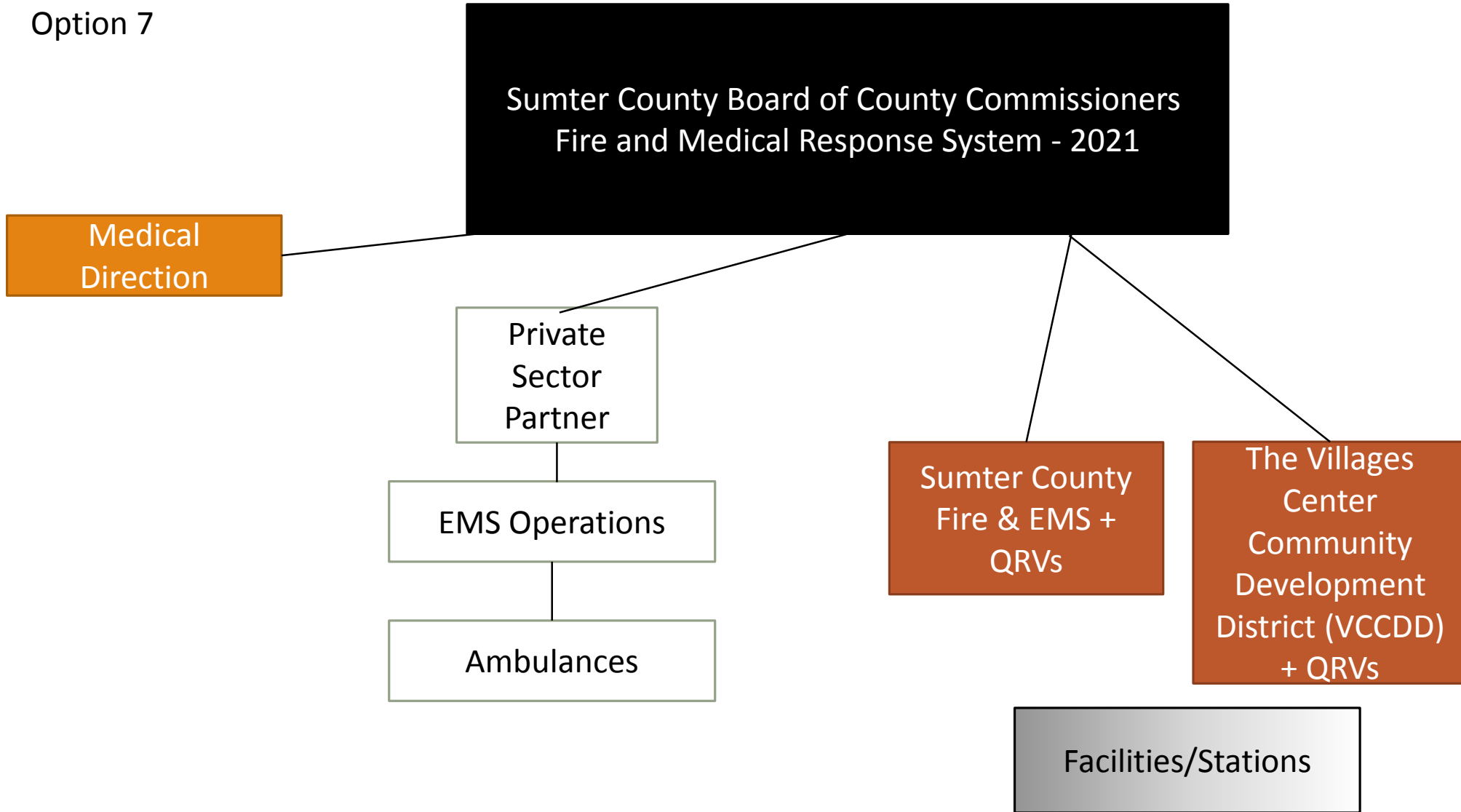
Option 6

With QRVs



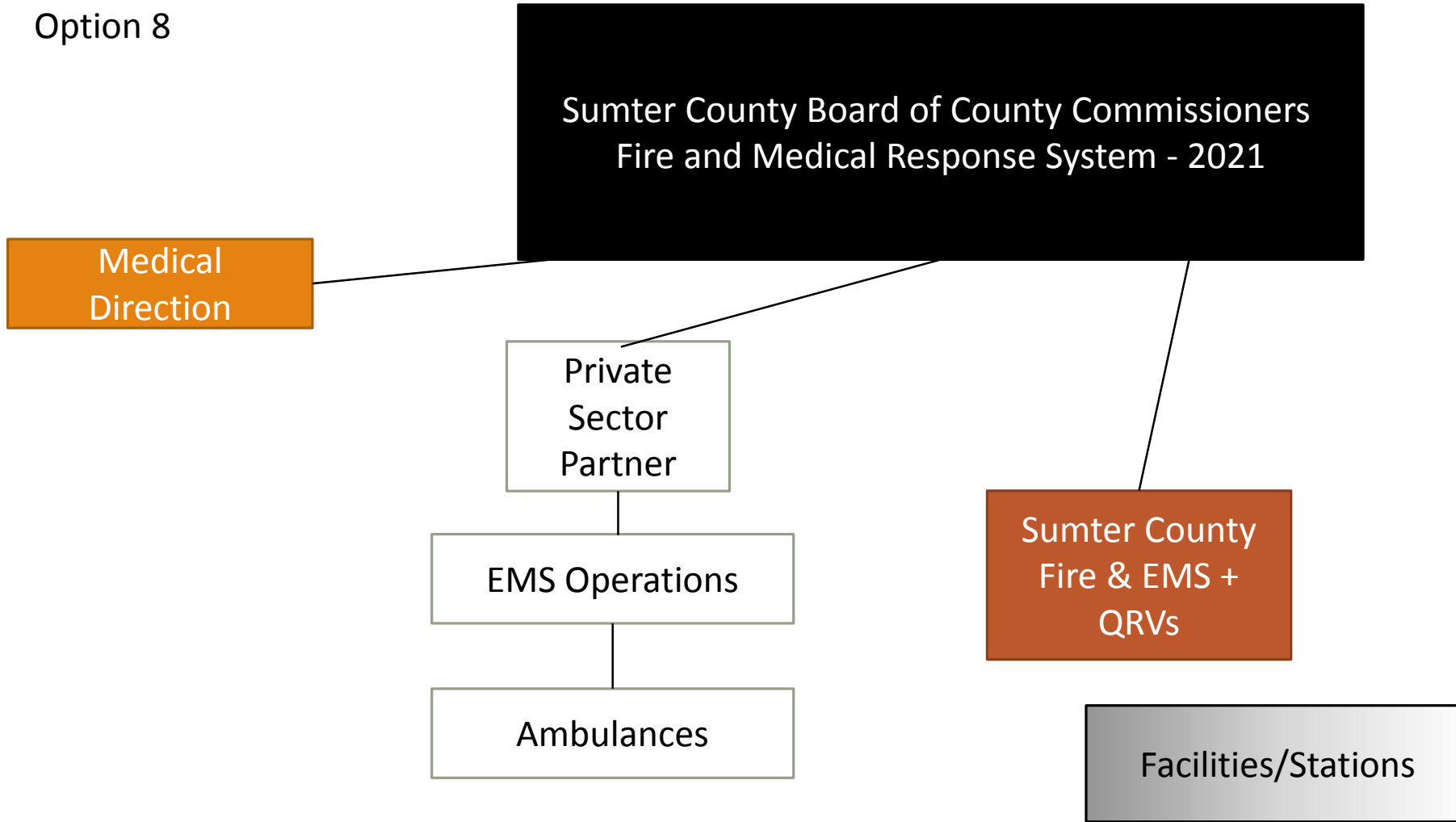
Option 7

With QRVs



Option 8

With QRVs





Option 9

With QRVs

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Fire and Medical Response System - 2021

Medical  
Direction

Sumter County  
Fire & EMS +  
QRVs + EMS  
Operations +  
Ambulances

The Villages  
Center  
Community  
Development  
District (VCCDD)  
+ QRVs +  
Ambulances

Facilities/Stations

Option 10

With QRVs

Sumter County Board of County Commissioners  
Fire and Medical Response System - 2021

Medical  
Direction

Sumter County  
Fire & EMS +  
QRVs + EMS  
Operations +  
Ambulances

Facilities/Stations

