

ESA February Board Meeting

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2015 3:00 P.M.

PIKES PEAK REGIONAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT
2880 INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE, COLORADO SPRINGS

FACILITATOR	Chief Carl Tatum
NOTE TAKER	Caroline Sasaki
ATTENDEES	Commissioner Peggy Littleton, Councilmember Sam Gieck, Wayne Florek, Jeffery Force, Chief Steve Murphy, Chief Matt Love, Dr. Timothy Hurtado, William Normile, Dr. Julie Kiley, Kenneth Hodges
ABSENT	Chief Jeremy Gardner, Mayor Keith McCafferty, Jim Reid

Agenda topics

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA/POSTPONEMENTS

DISCUSSION	
None.	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION	
None.	

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2015

DISCUSSION	
None.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting.	Dr. Julie Kiley
Second	Dr. Timothy Hurtado
Approved	Unanimous

4.A. NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2014 COMPLIANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION	
Caroline Sasaki reviewed the compliance report, noting the overall compliance percent has increased for most zones from November to December. In November, the Suburban 12 zone fell under 90%, and which resulted in a \$500 per zone penalty. She continued that there were four calls which exceeded the maximum response times during the two months, three in the Suburban 12 zone and one in the Rural 20. The per call assessment associated with these totaled \$162.75. No calls exceeded excessive response times allowed. Relating to exemptions, AMR requested five, all of which were weather related. In summary, the potential assessments for November and December were \$941.75, and the recommended assessments were \$709.25.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to accept the November & December 2014 compliance report.	Jeff Force
Second	Bill Normile
Approved	Unanimous

4.B. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014

DISCUSSION	
Treasurer Wayne Florek presented the December Treasurer's report. He reported total revenues of 4,883.50 in assessments, and expenses consisted of El Paso County administration for November and December of \$7,807.64.	

MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to accept the December 2014 Treasurer's Report.	Commissioner Peggy Littleton
Second	Councilmember Sam Gieck
Approved	Unanimous

4.C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISCUSSION
<p>Steve Murphy reported that the Research Committee met on January 20th, and formed two subcommittees; one with a short term goal headed by Ted Sayer, and another with long term plan headed by Tim Dienst. Their next meeting will be held on February 12th at 8:30am in the downstairs conference room.</p> <p>Dr. Kiley reported the Medical Control Committee (MCC) met prior to this meeting, and discussed long term goals. The MCC is very much in favor of the collaborative approach that has been used for medical direction in the county, and wants to make a formal statement that the group is pleased that the agencies are working together and the medical directors are working together as well. Along that line, there are a variety of meetings that are already occurring, and the group doesn't want to duplicate what is being handled appropriately at other levels. The group decided to change their meetings from six times a year to three meetings per year. The group also reviewed the high risk procedures that were performed in the last couple months, which were all IO lines, and performed appropriately. The new medicine ketamine that was approved at the state level was given five times, once for agitated delirium and four times for pain. Regarding spinal immobilization: since the new guidelines were implemented last fall, less patients are being immobilized and there's been more use of the vacuum devices. The vacuum splints have been a huge success and are better tolerated. The number of spinal Immobilizations were at 293 in August before the new guidelines, and have gone down to 144 in November, 134 in December, and 147 in January. The group is also considering whether to invite the Flight teams to be part of the MCC review process.</p>

4.D. COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

DISCUSSION
<p>Laura Saenz reviewed the Community Relations report for December stating the highlight for December was the Home for the Holidays Program, in which they transported 16 patients during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In addition, the other events for December included Life without Lupus and the Cub Scout Ambulance Tour to name a few. Laura also stated that AMR is partnering with Pueblo AMR doing a weekly radio show called "Heartbeat Colorado" on 101.3, which airs Saturday and Sunday mornings at 8:00 am.</p>

4.E. SCATTER MAP DATA

DISCUSSION
<p>Laura Saenz reviewed the scatter map data for December. She pointed out that the Stratmoor car made a big difference with the exceptions in that area, which started the first of December. Dr. Kiley expressed her appreciation for AMR making that adjustment.</p>

5.A. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - BIG SANDY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

<p>Kenny Hodges presented the IGA from the Big Sandy Fire Protection District, and stated that this is the original template with no changes other than to fill in the district name.</p>	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to approve the Big Sandy Fire Protection District IGA.	Dr. Timothy Hurtado
Second	Chief Matt Love
Approved	Unanimous

5.B. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - ELLICOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DISCUSSION	
<p>Mr. Hodges informed the board that this IGA is also the form template. He added the district signed the redlined version and didn't provide a signed clean version, but he had no legal concerns with that.</p>	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to approve the Ellicott Fire Protection District IGA.	Wayne Florek

Second	Commissioner Peggy Littleton
Approved	Unanimous

5.C. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

DISCUSSION	
Mr. Hodges presented the final IGA for Tri-County, which did not make any changes to the template.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to approve the Tri-County Volunteer Fire Department IGA.	Commissioner Peggy Littleton
Second	Jeff Force
Approved	Unanimous

5.D. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - MANITOU SPRINGS PROTECTION DISTRICT

DISCUSSION
<p>Kenny Hodges stated the Manitou Springs IGA is an information item for today, and a request for direction. He continued that Manitou Springs had expressed an interest in joining the ESA and becoming part of the contract with AMR. He stated that two steps would need to be taken to accomplish this. First, Manitou would need to enter into an IGA with the ESA, which he's in the process of completing, as the usual template for the other districts will not apply. The other step that would need to be taken is for the ESA/AMR contract to be amended to include Manitou Springs in the exclusive area and to add response times for their area to the service area map.</p> <p>Commissioner Littleton asked what precipitated Manitou's interest in joining and what they were doing for service in the past. Kenny replied that AMR is providing service in the area, but there was limited contract material behind that. Chair Tatum added that there is a new fire chief in Manitou, who wanted to ensure coverage contractually. Councilmember Gieck asked how this would affect service in the current system, and Ted Sayer replied that AMR currently has an ambulance stationed in the Manitou Springs fire station. He continued that they have some logistical issues in their station, and there is discussion about moving the ambulance out of the station. Mr. Sayer added that AMR won't change the number of ambulances on the street, but they may change from a 24 hour model covering that area to an ambulance running out of the City of Colorado Springs to cover Manitou Springs.</p> <p>The board directed Mr. Hodges to proceed with the IGA between the ESA and Manitou Springs and to work with county procurement for the amendment to the ESA/AMR contract.</p>

5.E. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - DISTRICT STATUS

DISCUSSION
Caroline Sasaki reported that both Crystal Park and Peyton have verbally confirmed they're working on the IGA with their boards, and that there has been no word from Edison. She continued that the IGA from Black Forest has been received, which will be presented next month.

5.F. AMBULANCE RE-CERTIFICATION

DISCUSSION
Caroline Sasaki addressed Appendix A, Section 4 of the ESA/AMR contract, which refers to the re-certification of frontline ambulances. She continued that unit 721 has had both the engine and the transmission replaced, and AMR is putting this car back in 911 service. This led to a general discussion about mileage and maintenance. Lastly, Ms. Sasaki asked the board how they would like to handle these requests on future agendas regarding action items vs. informational, and the board agreed that no motion would be necessary.

5.G. AUDIT UPDATE – PRIOR ESA

DISCUSSION
Ms. Sasaki reported that two agenda items will be going before the BoCC in March as the ESA contract administrator is currently out. One of the two items will be an approval of the audit, and the second will be a request for the distribution of the old ESA funds.

5.H. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

DISCUSSION

Bill Normile brought attention to an article that appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, February 2nd entitled "No Place for a Heart Attack" which addressed the location where patients suffer a heart attack makes a big difference (patients who are already inside a hospital for other medical reasons vs. patients outside a hospital). The average time from electrocardiogram to treatment is 60 minutes vs. 129 minutes inside the hospital. There is a tenfold decrease (40% vs. 4%) in fatality rate when an ambulance is used. He expressed his gratitude to ambulance providers across the nation, especially AMR because AMR is the largest ambulance provider in the country.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS

DISCUSSION
None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION	
None	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to adjourn.	Dr. Timothy Hurtado
Second	Commissioner Peggy Littleton
Approved	Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:49 P.M.