

# ESA March Board Meeting

## MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2015

3:00 P.M.

PIKES PEAK REGIONAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
2880 INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE, COLORADO SPRINGS

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

Agenda topics

### 1. CHANGES TO AGENDA/POSTPONEMENTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
None.	

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
None.	

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
None.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting.	Chief Gardner
Second	Dr. Julie Kiley
Approved	Unanimous

### 4.A. JANUARY 2015 COMPLIANCE REPORT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<p>Caroline Sasaki reviewed the January compliance report, noting the assessments for January consisted only of per call late assessments for three calls totaling \$279.00. The three late calls were all in the Suburban 12 zone. Regarding overall compliance, two zones fell under 90%, the Frontier 25 and Frontier 45 zones. She continued there were five exemptions, four of which were weather related, and one involved a second unit on scene. In summary, the potential assessments for January were \$395.25, and the recommended assessments were \$279.00.</p> <p>Chief Love reported that the Planning Committee met last week and discussed the exemption process. He continued that the group would like to compile a list of criteria they'd like to receive from the contractor related to each exemption for the report. There was a general discussion about the criteria, and Mr. Reid pointed out that any change in criteria will need to be reviewed by the attorney to verify it doesn't contradict the current contract.</p>	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to accept the January 2015 Compliance Report with correction to the total for potential assessments in the table on page 4.	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Second	Bill Normile
Approved	Unanimous

### 4.B. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2015

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Caroline Sasaki presented the January and February Treasurer's reports. She reported total revenues of \$20,000 in contract administration for January, and no expenses. February had no revenue and no expenses.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to accept the January and February Treasurer's Reports.	Bill Normile
Second	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Approved	Unanimous

#### 4.C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Steve Murphy reported that the Research Committee met on February 12th. He stated that Ted Sayer sent a survey to the fire districts regarding resources, and is still in the process of gathering the responses. He continued that Tim Dienst is currently working with UCCS to define a capstone project for one of their graduate students to assist with research.

#### 4.D. COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT AND SCATTER MAP DATA

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Laura Saenz reviewed the Community Relations report for January. AMR started a project with two local florists, Colorado Springs Wholesale Florist and Southern Charm Wedding to take unsellable floral arrangements to a nursing home to be used as a recreational activity for the residents at Cheyenne Mountain Care Center.
Chief Gardner asked what process AMR uses to determine which vehicle to send to a particular call, and Laura explained that dispatchers are taught to use the closest and most appropriate unit based on a dynamic dispatching system.

#### 4.E. MEDICAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Caroline Sasaki presented the updated meeting schedule to reflect the new meeting schedule for the Medical Control Committee, which will now meet three times per year rather than bi-monthly. Their meetings will be held at 12:30pm in the Memorial Administrative Center at 2420 E. Pikes Peak Ave., and the next meeting will be June 3rd.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to accept the new meeting schedule for the Medical Control Committee.	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Second	Councilmember Sam Gieck
Approved	Unanimous

#### 5.A. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT BILL 15-1151

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Chair Tatum reviewed the current Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement amounts, and stated this bill is going to increase the reimbursement amount. He added that he would like the ESA board to sign a letter of support. Tim Dienst of Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District addressed the board, and reported that 73% of patient transports are Medicaid or Medicare and private pay. He continued that since last May, they have experienced a 38% increase in Medicaid patients. With the expansion of Medicaid as part of the Affordable Care Act, he expects that number to double again this year. As this number grows, it's going to become harder to finance EMS operations. This bill is significant financially, and in most cases will double the reimbursements they're currently receiving. Mr. Dienst added that he will be attending the bill hearing on the 12th and will be happy to take all letters of support with him. Chief Jim Rebitski added that Black Forest doesn't have a high percent of Medicaid patients, but stated this bill would still help their district by a significant amount. The board directed staff to provide a signed letter of support to Tim Dienst to take with him to the hearing of the bill.

#### 5.B. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - BLACK FOREST

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
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Mr. Hodges presented the Black Forest IGA, stating there is one substance change which is an acknowledgement that the agency's jurisdictional boundaries are not included in the response zone compliance calculations as stated in the ESA/AMR contract. Other than that, there were no changes from the template IGA.

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the Black Forest Fire Protection District IGA.	Chief Matt Love
Second	Jeff Force
Approved	Unanimous

#### 5.C. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - CRYSTAL PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Mr. Hodges addressed the IGA for Crystal Park, pointing out that the agency's only ambulance service is through the AMR/ESA contract, and they're not providing any ground transport services through their district.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the Crystal Park Volunteer Fire Department IGA.	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Second	Chief Murphy
Approved	Unanimous

#### 5.D. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - EDISON PROTECTION DISTRICT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Mr. Hodges stated out this IGA is the template with no changes other than to insert the district's name.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the Edison Volunteer Fire Department IGA.	Bill Normile
Second	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Approved	Unanimous

#### 5.E. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Mr. Hodges noted that this IGA is a little different because their situation is a little different, there are a couple steps to include the City of Manitou into the ESA. The first step is for the City to enter into an IGA with the ESA. This contract states this agreement will become effective upon the contract being amended to include the city's jurisdictional boundaries within the exclusive area. The map in the current contract has Manitou in a frontier zone, and Manitou Springs is in discussion with AMR regarding appropriate response times. The second step would be to amend the contract between the ESA and AMR. There was some general discussion about current operations, and whether this would affect response times across all zones. Scott McCune replied that there is currently a unit serving Manitou Springs, and this unit would continue to serve the system as a whole as it already is.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the Manitou Springs Fire Department IGA.	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Second	Councilmember Sam Gieck
Approved	Unanimous

#### 5.F. PARTICIPATING AGENCY IGA - DISTRICT STATUS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Caroline Sasaki reported there is one remaining district that hasn't yet returned an IGA, which is Peyton. Chief Murphy added that he is in contact with them, and they're working on it.	

#### 5.H. ESA BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

**DISCUSSION**

Jim Reid announced that Caroline Sasaki has taken another position in the county under the Office of Emergency Management, and that the ESA Business Administration position will need to be posted and hired.

## 5.I. ADMINISTRATION

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Reid asked the board to approve the hire of a temporary position to cover the 10 hours per week of administrative support that the Business Administrator position provides according to the ESA/AMR contract until the position has been filled. The board directed Mr. Reid to authorize AMR to hire a temp position for ten hours a week until the ESA Business Administrator position is filled. Chair Tatum added that a couple members of the Planning Committee expressed interest in participating on the interview panel, and Mr. Reid asked that anyone who is interested send him an email.

## 5.J. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

**DISCUSSION**

Several of the board members thanked Caroline Sasaki for her time with the ESA, and Dr. Kiley additionally thanked Tim Dienst for his efforts regarding the Medicaid Reimbursement Bill. Chief Love brought up AMR weather events and level 0 events, and asked if Fire Districts would be interested in receiving notifications for these. He mentioned they will be discussing this at the next Fire Chiefs Forum. Jim Reid offered the option of using Ready Ops through the Office of Emergency Management, and noted that the Emergency Manager would be the point of contact for that. Scott McCune added that sending level 0 notifications to outside agencies might be a challenge because level 0 situations are very volatile and change quickly.

## 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS

**DISCUSSION**

None.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**DISCUSSION**

None

**MOTION****PERSON RESPONSIBLE**

Motion to adjourn.

Bill Normile

Second

Commissioner Sallie Clark

Approved

Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:26 P.M.