

ESA Board Meeting

MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2008

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PIKES PEAK REGIONAL BUILDING
DEPARTMENT, 2880 INTERNATIONAL
CIRCLE, COLORADO SPRINGS

FACILITATOR	Commander Jim Reid, Board Chair
NOTE TAKER	Laurie Schneider
ATTENDEES	Commander Jim Reid, Jeff Wanderscheid, Commissioner Sallie Clark, Robert Helton, Dr. Marilyn Gifford, Dr. Jack Sharon, Chief Rick Martinez, Chief Bryan Jack, Dan Molner, Valerie Brickell, Jane Fredman, Bob West, and Laurie Schneider

Agenda topics

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA/POSTPONEMENTS

DISCUSSION	
None.	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION	
None.	

3. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 7, 2008 MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
None.		
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	
Motion to approve the May 7, 2008 Minutes	Chief Bryan Jack	
Second	Commissioner Sallie Clark	
Passed	Unanimous	

COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR MARCH/APRIL

DISCUSSION	
<p>Bob West, ESA Compliance Officer, indicated this report will be brief, as it was a rather unremarkable reporting period. Ted Sayer, AMR, confirmed that he has reviewed the report and agrees with the contents.</p> <p>The potential penalty for the reporting period is \$11,740 and the recommended penalty is \$10,440.</p> <p>The reported calls and transports are consistent with the prior reporting period. The March Contractor Compliance Summary shows their performance at 93.1%, which is well above the contract standards and for Urban Equity they were at 91.9% compliance. For the month of April, they were at 93.2% for compliance and almost 93% for Urban Equity.</p> <p>In March there were three potential contractor level 0 or deferred responses, and all three calls exceeded the two minute duration. A new table has been added to the Compliance Report that shows the number of Priority 1 emergent calls that were received and held during the Priority 1 period in question. For event #2 on March 11, 2008, there were 15 total calls received during this timeframe, 10 of the calls were emergent and one of the calls was held. These level 0 calls are when</p>	

a call is held in queue since there is no ambulance to send, and as soon as an ambulance is cleared, that call is assigned to the crew. The determination to hold a call or call for mutual aid depends on how quickly a crew can be cleared vs. how quickly another unit under mutual aid can respond. Many times it is quicker to clear a crew than call mutual aid, with the closest mutual aid coming from Black Forest. Going forward, the report will track how long a call is held before a crew is dispatched. We assume that Colorado Springs Fire or another first response unit was already on scene to shorten the time someone is potentially waiting for assistance. Dr. Sharon inquired about the call on March 11th that exceed the maximum time standard, is that also the call that was held? In the future, AMR will provide the call numbers so that it can be determined if the same call was affected.

In April, there were four potential situations of contractor level 0, three of which exceeded the two minute time standard. On April 26, 2008, there were 10 total calls during the timeframe in question, three of which were emergent and one of which was held.

For March, there were eleven Priority 1 emergent calls that the contractor has requested an exemption. Ten of the calls were due to verifiable severe weather and one was due to move up and cover. It is recommended that the Board approve these exemptions. The current recommended penalties are based on the assumption that the exemptions have been granted. For April 2008 there were three Priority 1 emergent calls that were exempted, two were move up and cover and one was due to travel restrictions/road closures. Again, the recommendation is to approve the exemption.

Under the Major Conditions/Complaint Summary questions arose in prior reports regarding the high number of sexual assaults in Colorado Springs. We have gone back and looked at the data, and what was determined is that the current Standard Medical Priority Dispatch system used by AMR does not include a clarification between a sexual assault and a simple assault. To make the determination between the two categories would require a manual review of each of the assault cases. We have verified with AMR and Colorado Springs Fire Department that the majority of these cases are simple assaults, not sexual assaults. There was some discussion as to whether to rename the line as just 'Assaults' in the compliance report or to keep the line heading as is, 'Assault/Sexual Assault' so that sexual assaults are not lost as a condition. The decision by Chair Reid is to leave the heading as it currently is 'Assault/Sexual Assault' in the reports.

MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to approve the March/April Compliance Report	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Second	Chief Rick Martinez
Passed	Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

DISCUSSION	
The May financial statements reflect charges from the City of Colorado Springs for Business Administration including salaries and supplies. There are no new charges from the RFP consultant.	
Commissioner Clark asked if Directors and Officers liability insurance has been purchased for the Board since there is still \$5,000 available in this account. Is a separate policy needed since this is a separate Board from the County or City? Attorney Fredman noted that the Board is covered under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act which has a \$150,000 limit for tort, which is what insurance would cover. Commissioner Clark indicated that both the County and City have issued opinions on this insurance. Attorney Fredman will look into the relevance of obtaining the insurance and make a recommendation to the Board.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to approve the May Financial Statement	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Second	Dr. Marilyn Gifford
Passed	Unanimous

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION
The Compliance Committee did not meet this month. They will have a report for the July meeting.

MEDICAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION

The MCC met earlier this afternoon. There were seven RSI cases that were reviewed. Several of them involved Flight personnel. All cases reviewed had appropriate indications and procedures were followed in accordance with County guidelines.

Dr. Gifford and Dr. Sharon reviewed 23 medical complaints. Of these, they had questions on 11, which Dr. Ross provided additional information. All of their questions were answered and the responses by AMR are appropriate.

5. A. AMR THIRD AMENDMENT

DISCUSSION

The Third Amendment for the extension of the contract with AMR has been approved by both the City and the County. The amendment needs to be signed by the ESA Chair and AMR. The extension will be effective on July 1, 2008.

5. B. RFP BRIEFING

DISCUSSION

Gina Abbott, El Paso County Procurement advised the Board that the proposals were received and the RFP evaluation committee met on Monday. They did a great job of reviewing the proposals. Curt and Gina have compiled their notes, including the issues and clarifications from the RFP committee, which they will take back to the vendors for a response. The committee will meet again after the responses are received, then Contracting will begin negotiations. At this time, all information is still confidential.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST

DISCUSSION

None.

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