

ESA June Board Meeting

MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2013

2:00 P.M.

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

FACILITATOR	Jim Reid
NOTE TAKER	Eileen Gonzalez
ATTENDEES	Councilman Merv Bennett, Commissioner Sallie Clark, T. Wayne Florek, Jeffery Force, Jane Fredman, Mayor Jeri Howells, Dr. Julie Kiley, William Normile, Dr. Jack Sharon
ABSENT	John Scorsine, Interim Chief Tommy Smith, Chief Carl Tatum

Agenda topics

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA/POSTPONEMENTS

DISCUSSION
None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION
None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2013

DISCUSSION	
None.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2013 meeting.	Dr. Jack Sharon
Second	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Approved	Unanimous

4.A. AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR MARCH & APRIL 2013

DISCUSSION	
<p>Eileen Gonzalez presented the performance and compliance report for March & April 2013. Eileen reported that there were no incidents of contract Level Zero during March or April, and that the recommended assessments are \$2,700 for March and \$2,320 for April, for a total of \$5,520. There were 26 calls that exceeded the maximum response time for their zones in March, and 29 in April. The contractor exceeded the 90% response standard for the Urban, Suburban and Rural zones, as well as the 92% systemwide response standard for both months.</p> <p>The contractor referred five calls in March, three to Black Forest Fire/Rescue and two to Tri-Lakes Fire Department; and nine calls in April, eight to Black Forest Fire/Rescue and one to Tri-Lakes Fire Department. There were no assessments associated with any of those calls.</p> <p>There were three severe weather periods in March and two in April for which the contractor added resources pursuant to the level of effort model for severe weather, and Eileen called the board's attention to the data relating to those events. The contractor requested that 27 calls be exempted from the data to determine compliance with performance standards for March, and 37 calls for April, and staff recommends that the requested calls be exempted.</p>	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to accept the compliance report for March & April 2013	Jeff Force
Second	Dr. Sharon

Approved	Unanimous
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4.B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISCUSSION
Chair Reid reported that the Compliance Committee met on May 29 and reviewed and closed two new complaints and one compliment. The Committee also reviewed a letter that was sent to the contractor relating to a complaint it closed in April.
Dr. Sharon reported that the Medical Control Committee met just prior to the board meeting. The physicians reviewed four RSI cases and all were deemed to have been appropriate. One continued complaint was closed after the committee received additional information. Dr. Ross provided the committee with a summary of the 2012 CARES data, which shows that El Paso County has had above-average results as it relates to the overall survival of cardiac arrest. The committee also reviewed information relating to a particular patient for whom the local first responders and medical providers have developed an alternative response plan in order to mitigate the severe problems associated with this patient, and provided the contractor with their authorization to respond in the manner that the first responders and medical professionals, as a group, deem appropriate.

4.C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2013

DISCUSSION	
Wayne Florek presented the treasurer's report for May 2013. There was no revenue. Expenses included regular City salary & benefits (three-paycheck month), legal fees, office expenses and the first payment on our consultant contract.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to accept the Treasurer's report for May 2013.	Chief Carl Tatum
Second	Jeff Force
Approved	Unanimous

4.C. COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

DISCUSSION
Tawnya Silloway, Community Relations Coordinator for AMR, presented the contractor's community relations report. She noted that on May 22, during EMS week, AMR set a worldwide goal for the most people trained in compression-only CPR, and succeeded in training over 51,000 people. She also reminded the board that the National EMS Memorial Service was coming up on June 22.

5.A. CARES 2012 SUMMARY

DISCUSSION
Dr. Ross provided a report on the CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) data registry for 2012. Highlights include an overall survival rate of 15.2%, which is an excellent number and the highest result for El Paso County thus far. He reported that the Utstein bystander survival rate, a measure of survival for patients in cardiac arrest under optimal conditions, was 43%. He discussed the use of therapeutic hypothermia, and thanked dispatch providers for cooperating to provide CPR instructions to 911 callers under a wide variety of circumstances.

5.B. CONSULTANT UPDATE

DISCUSSION
Jon Altmann of Public Safety Research Group provided an update on his team's project to assist the ESA in developing an RFP for a contract to provide ambulance service in El Paso County outside the City of Colorado Springs. His team has conducted a number of interviews with county fire districts, anticipates completing the interviews within ten days, and should be able to deliver a first draft report to the ESA by the end of the month. He noted that the comments they'd received so far were frank, thoughtful and positive.
Commissioner Clark requested Mr. Altmann's input on the comparison that staff prepared between the City of Colorado Springs RFP and the current contract, and he indicated that he felt there were more similarities than differences between the two, but was hesitant to speak too specifically since he was not involved in drafting the City's product. Commissioner Clark asked that the comparison be provided to board members, and expressed her frustration with the lack of coordination between the City and other regional entities on the development of the City's plans.

Bill Normile asked questions relating to inter-agency cooperation, in the event there are two separate providers within the city and outside the city, and how that issue could be addressed in the ESA's future contract. Mr. Altmann said that it would be possible to address, gave some examples, and stressed that the solution would rely on communication between the participants in the system. Mr. Normile asked Chair Reid whether representatives of the City of Colorado Springs had contacted him to get the County's input on their RFP, and Chair Reid responded that they had not. Mr. Altmann asked whether the board would like him to contact Interim Chief Smith to obtain his input on the ESA's process to develop an RFP, and Chair Reid responded that he thought that was a good idea.

5.C. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Bennett introduced Councilmember Andy Pico, who will be serving as the City Council alternate representative to the ESA Board. Chair Reid noted that the next board meeting would take place on July 3, the day before the holiday, and requested members to inform Eileen whether they planned to be in attendance at that meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to Adjourn	Councilmember Merv Bennett
Second	Commissioner Clark
Approved	Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:05 p.m.