

# ESA August Board Meeting

MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2010 2:00 P.M.

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

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Chief Carl Tatum
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Eileen Gonzalez
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Commissioner Sallie Clark, Bob Demetry, T. Wayne Florek, Dr. Marilyn Gifford, Mayor Jeri Howells, Dan Molner, Councilman Randy Purvis, Dr. Jack Sharon, Chief Tommy Smith, Mark Watkins
<b>ABSENT</b>	Jane Fredman, Commander Jim Reid, John Scorsine

Agenda topics

## 1. CHANGES TO AGENDA/POSTPONEMENTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Eileen Gonzalez requested that Item 4.D. be moved to earlier in the meeting to accommodate the Treasurer's need to leave the meeting early.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to move Item 4.D. to be heard immediately after Item 1.	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Second	Dr. Jack Sharon
Approved	Unanimous

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<p>The Colorado Springs Fire Department showed a brief video presentation regarding the CPR event at Sky Sox stadium in May. Capt. Glenn Conklin expressed his thanks for the ESA's funding of a grant to help make the event possible, and presented the Board with a letter of appreciation from Interim Fire Chief Dan Raider.</p> <p>The Board also heard a presentation regarding Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101 by John Lay of Coloradans for Responsible Reform. Mr. Lay presented information regarding the impact of these items on the local EMS system should they pass in November. These impacts include new constraints on bond financing, a new requirement that special districts pay property taxes on their facilities, and a significant rollback of tax revenues for districts. Chief Tatum stated that it was important for the ESA and its contractor to be prepared to respond to changes in the EMS system should these items be approved in the November election. Ted Sayer reported that it would take him approximately 60-90 days to add ambulances and personnel to cover possible service reductions by agencies that currently provide transport services, but that he is more concerned by the potential gradual degradation of first responder services (i.e. fire suppression, extrication) and its impact on the ESA system. Chief Tatum spoke on behalf of the El Paso County Fire Chiefs Association and relayed the chiefs' concerns that they believe the passage of the initiatives would degrade their ability to serve the citizens of rural eastern El Paso County. The Board requested that Eileen draft and submit for Board review a letter to all of the ESA's member districts requesting an estimate of the impact of these initiatives on their operations should they pass, as well as a resolution for the Board to consider at its October meeting. Mark Watkins noted that it might be prudent to consider suspending grant awards pending the results of the election so that any EMS needs in the system might be addressed using these funds.</p>

## 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2010

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Dr. Sharon noted a correction to Section 4.A. of the minutes, correcting a reference to "maximum," rather than "minimum" response times.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2010 meeting.	Councilman Randy Purvis
Second	Commissioner Clark
Approved	Unanimous

4.A. AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR MAY & JUNE 2010

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<p>Eileen Gonzalez presented the agreement compliance report for May &amp; June 2010. She reported two incidences of contract Level 0 in May and four in June. The recommended assessments are \$5,070 for May and \$7,462 for June, for a total of \$12,532. There were 43 calls that exceeded the maximum response time for their zone in May, and 42 in June. 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 10 calls, all to Black Forest Fire/Rescue, in May. The contractor referred 11 calls in June, 10 of which were referred to Black Forest Fire/Rescue; the remaining call was referred to Fountain Fire Department, and exceeded the maximum response time for its zone, incurring a recommended assessment of \$26. The contractor requested that 24 calls be exempted from the data to determine compliance with performance standards for May, and 29 calls for June.</p> <p>Commissioner Clark requested additional information regarding trends in the data presented in the compliance report to be included with the next presentation, particularly compliance performance by zone.</p>	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the agreement compliance report for May & June 2010	Commissioner Clark
Second	Chief Tommy Smith
Approved	Unanimous

4.B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<p>Chief Tatum postponed the Compliance Committee report until the next meeting due to Commander Reid's absence.</p> <p>Dr. Sharon reported that the Medical Control Committee met prior to the ESA Board meeting. He reported that Dr. Ross gave a detailed presentation on the CARES project, and noted that, while El Paso County is doing very well as it relates to witnessed and unwitnessed cardiac arrest survival rates as compared to the national average, there's not a lot of use of AEDs by bystanders. The committee reviewed six RSI cases; a medication error in one of those cases has been addressed with training and education. Dr. Sharon relayed that there have been no recent disagreements on scene as to whether to use RSI, so the new protocol relating to communication on-scene seems to be working. There were no new patient complaints this month, and one that was continued from last month was resolved, with EMS staff from the two hospitals to meet with the fire chiefs and AMR to refine the on-scene triage process to make sure there are no similar issues in the future.</p>

4.C. AMR COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS FOR JUNE & JULY 2010

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<p>Tawnya Silloway reported on AMR's community events for June and July. She noted that the EMS Memorial service was a success, and expressed her thanks to the EMS providers who helped with the event.</p>

4.D. TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY 2010

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<p>Treasurer Wayne Florek presented the Treasurer's reports for May, June and July 2010. May's highlights included first quarter interest revenue, city salary and benefit expenses, attorney's fees, and first quarter grant awards. June's included March and April assessment revenue, city salary and benefit expenses, and attorney's fees. July's included the third quarter contract administration fee, second quarter interest revenue from the City, city salary and benefits, and office expenses. Treasurer Florek also noted that city salary and benefit expenses were lower than normal for both May and June because the City and County were in the process of working out the invoicing process for those expenses, and that the process had been resolved as of July.</p>	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the Treasurer's report for May, June & July 2010.	Commissioner Clark
Second	Chief Tommy Smith
Approved	Unanimous

5.A. SECOND QUARTER 2010 GRANT AWARDS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Since Chair Reid is absent and the Grant Committee did not make an official recommendation on the active applications, Eileen presented information relating to the four grant applications and two modification requests.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve grant applications 1002-01, 1002-03, and 1002-04 as presented; to modify grant application 1002-05 to award one CO/Pulse Ox monitor unit rather than two, in the amount of \$3,851; and to approve the two grant modifications for 0902-01 and 1001-03.	Commissioner Clark
Second	Councilman Purvis
Approved	Unanimous

5.B. 2009 ESA AUDIT RESULTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Eileen presented the 2009 financial audit report, and noted that she had drafted a capitalization policy in response to the auditor's suggestion, and would work with Treasurer Florek to bring a recommended policy to the Board at its October meeting.

5.C. 2011 BUDGET

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
Eileen presented a draft of the 2011 ESA budget.	
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to approve the 2011 ESA budget as presented.	Dr. Sharon
Second	Dr. Marilyn Gifford
Approved	In favor –Clark, Gifford, Howells, Molner, Sharon, Smith, Tatum, Watkins Opposed – Purvis

5.D. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Dr. Sharon noted that one of the major psychiatric facilities in town, St. Francis Health Center on Pikes Peak, will be closing its doors at the end of this year, which will have an impact on psychiatric care as a whole in our community. He noted that officials from Penrose and Memorial are meeting to discuss options, but the change could have a significant impact on the EMS system and the contractor's operations. Dr. Gifford echoed Dr. Sharon's concerns.

7. ADJOURNMENT

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
Motion to Adjourn	Dr. Jack Sharon
Second	Councilman Purvis
Approved	Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:55 p.m.