

ESA November Board Meeting

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2008 2:00 P.M.

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

FACILITATOR	Chair Jim Reid
NOTE TAKER	Eileen Gonzalez
ATTENDEES	Commander Jim Reid, Jeff Wanderscheid, Councilwoman Margaret Radford, Commissioner Sallie Clark, Chief Brandon Payne, Chief Rick Martinez, Jane Fredman.
ABSENT	Dr. Marilyn Gifford, Dr. Jack Sharon, Mayor Jeri Howells, Dan Molner, Valerie Brickell, Kandi Buckland, T. Wayne Florek, Celeste Lippy

Agenda topics

5. B. NEW BUSINESS – GROUND EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

DISCUSSION	
<p>Chair Reid asked for any comments. Commissioner Clark noted that her concerns as they relate to response time zones and aggregate response time thresholds in Exhibit F have been addressed. Chief Martinez clarified that the ESA could not compel any of the signatories to the ESA to use a particular medical advisor, and Chair Reid noted that a working group would explore the role of the medical advisor with relation to the ESA and its signatories and would get input from all the county stakeholders before making any changes.</p> <p>The board discussed the role of mutual aid agreements and subcontracts for service, and Chief Martinez noted the City's concern that citizens are being billed by other ambulance services (i.e. Black Forest, Wescott, Falcon), leading to confusion about billing rates. He also noted that mutual aid agreement must be between governmental entities and that AMR, as the ESA's contractor, could not be a party to them. Chair Reid noted that all such agreements are subject to approval by the ESA board, that existing memoranda of understanding (MOUs) will be in place until new ones are signed after January 1, and this subject will be discussed during that time. Ted Sayer of American Medical Response noted that it was important for the Board to provide input as to what should be in the agreements. Chief Martinez emphasized that governments can enter into mutual aid agreements, but the ESA is a separate governmental entity so, while the ESA's agreement for transport is with AMR, any agreement to provide mutual aid is between the governments and does not involve the ESA or its contractor (AMR). Councilwoman Radford recalled that the board had a discussion relating to AMR effectively subcontracting with other entities and that under the ESA's contract with AMR, the board approves those contracts.</p>	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to approve the proposed contract and send it to City Council and Board of County Commissioners for their approval.	Councilwoman Margaret Radford
Second	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Approved	Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to Adjourn	Commissioner Sallie Clark
Second	Jeff Wanderscheid
Approved	Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:24 p.m.