

ESA August Board Meeting

MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2009 2:00 P.M.

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

FACILITATOR	Chair Jim Reid
NOTE TAKER	Eileen Gonzalez
ATTENDEES	T. Wayne Florek, Jane Fredman, Dr. Marilyn Gifford, Mayor Jeri Howells, Angela Mata Whitney, Chief Rick Martinez, William D. McAllister, Dan Molner, Councilman Randy Purvis, Dr. Jack Sharon, Chief Carl Tatum
ABSENT	Commissioner Sallie Clark, Mark Watkins

Agenda topics

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA/POSTPONEMENTS

DISCUSSION	
Eileen requested to postpone item 5.E. Budget Amendment.	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION	
None.	

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2009

DISCUSSION		
None.		
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	
Motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2009 Board meetings.	William McAllister	
Second	Randy Purvis	
Approved	Unanimous	

4.A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISCUSSION	
<p>Medical Control Committee – Dr. Sharon noted that there were no RSI issues reviewed since their last meeting and that the MCC reviewed and closed nine medical complaints. He noted that the Contractor's Medical Director, Dr. Ross, has submitted two waiver applications to the EMTS Section at the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, once for the use of etomidate in unstable tachydysrhythmia patients needing cardioversion and the other for the use of vecuronium for prevention of shivering in therapeutic hypothermia patients. He reported that the MCC was in support of both these waivers. Dr. Sharon also noted that the MCC currently has a vacancy in its Paramedic at-large position and will try to solicit interest in the position through ESA website and the EMS listserver.</p>	

4.B. AMR COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

DISCUSSION	
Tawnya Silloway reported on AMR's community relations activities for July 2009 and distributed a pamphlet relating to AMR's LifeCare Membership.	

4.C. TREASURER'S REPORT – JULY 2009

DISCUSSION	
<p>Treasurer William McAllister noted the highlights of this month's Treasurer's Report, which include, on the income side, the second quarter interest payment of \$1,703.35, which is allocated to the grant fund, and March & April compliance assessments of \$6,000. On the expense side, the ESA received and paid an invoice from El Paso County for \$7,400 for the furniture located in the ESA's offices; the City of Colorado Springs Business Administration line includes half of the cost of the furniture as well as three paychecks rather than the usual two; and the El Paso County Compliance Administration line includes costs of furniture, uniforms, and a new toner cartridge for Angela's printer.</p>	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to accept the July 2009 Treasurer's report.	Councilman Randy Purvis
Second	Dan Molner
Approved	Unanimous

4.D. AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR MAY & JUNE 2009

DISCUSSION	
<p>Eileen Gonzalez presented the agreement compliance report for May & June 2009. She briefly noted the decreased in call volume in the Suburban 12 district between May and June of 2009, which may be due at least in part to the removal of the Security Fire District from the ESA's exclusive service area. Angela Mata Whitney briefed the Board on her role as it relates to contract compliance and her recent experiences with ride-alongs on Contractor vehicles to verify response data.</p> <p>Eileen noted that there were no instances of contract Level 0 during either reporting period. The recommended assessments are \$2,180 for May 2009 and \$2,500 for June, for a total of \$4,680. There were 40 calls that exceeded the maximum response time for the zone in May 2009, and 26 calls in June 2009. The contractor exceeded the 90% response standard for the Urban, Suburban and Rural zones during both months, and exceeded the 92% systemwide response standard for both months.</p> <p>During May 2009, the contractor referred 30 calls to other approved responders, one of which exceeded the maximum response time for the zone, and in June 2009, referred 17 calls, none of which exceeded the maximum response time for the zone.</p> <p>The contractor has requested that 40 calls be exempted from the data to determine compliance with performance standards for May 2009, and 26 calls for June 2009.</p>	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to accept the May & June 2009 Agreement Compliance Report as presented.	Mayor Jeri Howells
Second	Councilman Randy Purvis
Approved	Unanimous

5.A. INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF CARL TATUM

DISCUSSION
Chair Reid welcomed Chief Tatum to the Board.

5.B. PRESENTATION OF SECOND QUARTER 2009 EMS GRANTS

DISCUSSION
Chair Reid presented second quarter grants to the recipients.

5.C. MMRS TRIAGE AND PREHOSPITAL ANNEX

DISCUSSION
Tobi Blanchard, coordinator for the Pikes Peak Metropolitan Medical Response System, presented the Triage and Prehospital Annex.

5.D. MEDICAL DIRECTOR ISSUE UPDATE

DISCUSSION
Eileen Gonzalez presented a memo relating to research and recommendations relating to the possibility of hiring of a single medical director by the ESA. She discussed the input she received from a number of stakeholders and experts, and recommended that the ESA not pursue hiring a medical director, but rely on groups that currently exist, namely the Medical Control Committee and the El Paso County Medical Society, to help the ESA resolve medical-related issues in the future.
Dr. Stein Bronsky addressed the Board relating to the Medical Director issue and shared his thoughts relating to unified medical direction in the State of Colorado and El Paso County.

5.E. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

DISCUSSION
This item was postponed.

5.F. PARTICIPATING AGENCY AGREEMENTS

DISCUSSION	
Eileen Gonzalez reported that she received executed, unamended participating agency agreements from Cascade, Manitou Spring, Stratmoor Hills, Tri-County, Wescott, and Hanover.	
Jane Fredman addressed changed that the City of Fountain has requested to the standard Participating Agency Agreement.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to accept and authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign participating agency agreements with Cascade Fire Protection District, the City of Manitou Springs, Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District, Tri-County Fire Protection District, Donald Wescott Fire Protection District and Hanover Fire Protection District.	Dr. Marilyn Gifford
Second	Chief Rick Martinez
Approved	Unanimous
Motion to accept and authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign an amended participating agency agreement with the City of Fountain for submission to Fountain's City Council for their approval.	Dr. Jack Sharon
Second	Dr. Marilyn Gifford
Approved	Unanimous

5.G. MUTUAL RESPONSE AGREEMENTS

DISCUSSION	
Ted Sayer submitted a response agreement with the Tri-County Fire Protection District, which is unchanged from the standard agreement approved by the ESA. He also briefed the Board on the status of response agreements with the City of Fountain, Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District, and Black Forest Fire Protection District.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to accept and authorize the Chair to sign AMR's response agreement with Tri-County Fire Protection District.	N/A
Second	N/A
Approved	N/A

5.H. APPOINTMENT OF COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER

DISCUSSION

None.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to appoint Wayne Florek as a member of the ESA's Contract Compliance Committee.	Dr. Jack Sharon
Second	Dr. Marilyn Gifford
Approved	Unanimous

5.I. APPOINTMENT OF GRANT COMMITTEE MEMBER

DISCUSSION	
None.	
MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to appoint Wayne Florek as a member of the ESA's Grant Committee.	Dr. Jack Sharon
Second	Mayor Jeri Howells
Approved	Unanimous

5.J. CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING

DISCUSSION
Chair Reid recommended against cancellation of the September 2009 meeting due to a number of pending issues. There was no vote on this item.

5.K. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

DISCUSSION
Dr. Sharon commented on the progress of the new detox facility, which is slated to open in August. Ted Sayer noted that AMR would be adding a product called Cold Fire to their ambulances to protect fire victims should the ambulance arrive on-scene before firefighters, and he also welcomed Board members and guests to take a look at AMR's training simulator and a QRV in the parking lot after the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

MOTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Motion to Adjourn	Dr. Jack Sharon
Second	Dr. Marilyn Gifford
Approved	Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:09 p.m.