

MINUTES

AREA METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76110

March 24, 2010
10:00 am

The Area Metropolitan Ambulance Authority Board of Directors met on March 24, 2010 at the Ambulance Authority offices.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Zim Zimmerman. Board members present were Byron Black, Dr. John Griswell, Robert Hampton, Paul Harral, and Zim Zimmerman. Sakura Moten-Dedrick was absent

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Others present were Matt Goetz, Jack Eades, Joyce Brown, Matt Zavadsky, Stacy Raborn, David Lamb, and Lara Kohl with MedStar, Carl Smart with the City of Fort Worth, and Brian Kriss with the Fort Worth Fire Fighter's Association.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

BC-1005 Approval of minutes for board meeting of February 24, 2010

BC-1006 Approval of check registers for the month of February 2010.

A motion was made by Byron Black to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Robert Hampton. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Operations Report

Matt Zavadsky referred the board to page 10 of the packet for an overview of response time reliability in February. Zavadsky explained February was more challenging than normal because of the periods of severe weather that drastically impacted response times on some days. Zavadsky also reviewed month-to-date performance data that was included in the handout he provided. As of March 22, MedStar was at 91.2 percent overall compliance.

Zavadsky updated the board on the performance of the new MARVLIS deployment monitor, comparing performance standards in the 23 days prior to implementation with the 23 days post-implementation. Since implementation, Priority 1 compliance has improved 3 percent while the average response times for Priority 1 calls has decreased :34 seconds.

Zavadsky provided a report on the Community Health Program, stating it is estimated that the program has saved \$554,829 in EMS use charges (based on average patient charge

of \$1,505), \$142,302 in EMS costs (based on \$384 average cost of transport), and \$821,643 in ER costs (based on \$2,500 average ER charge).

Zavadsky reviewed the schedule of recent city council presentations and highlighted the high utilization of the new Critical Care Transport service since its inception February 8. Zavadsky also mentioned staff is re-vamping the Community CPR program and is starting to look at potential community events, such as the Main Street Arts Festival, to hold CPR training.

B. Financial Report

Joyce Brown gave the financial report for the month of February 2010, stating totaled collected for the month was \$2,475,851, 41.52 percent of billed and 41.41 percent collected year-to-date. A detailed statement of revenue and expenditures by department was included in the board packets, starting on page 28.

C. EPAB Monthly Report

Dr. Griswell mentioned MedStar and EPAB has received national recognition lately. Dr. Jeff Beeson presented at a national EMS conference in Baltimore earlier this month and will present at another in Springfield, MO soon. Matt Zavadsky was honored with a national EMS 10 award, and Dr. Beeson is authoring an article about EMS system abusers.

Dr. Griswell also told the board various research programs are in development by EPAB and he will keep the board updated on their progress.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

Robert Hampton asked how the new health care bill recently signed into law by President Obama would impact EMS. Jack Eades explained that had been a 2 percent increase in urban Medicare payments, but that had ended January 1, 2010. The new health care bill puts that payment back in place, retroactively. However, that results in only about \$150,000. Mr. Eades explained there was little other information available so far about the bills impact on EMS.

Mr. Eades also highlighted the recent employee survey that was conducted as a follow-up to the survey conducted in 2008. Mr. Eades explained management is hosting employee meetings this week to gather further information about some of the comments that were made in the survey and that the board would receive a full briefing on the results at their next meeting.

Mr. Eades gave the board a copy of a letter received from Mayor Mike Moncrief, congratulating MedStar on receiving CAAS accreditation.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Zim Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.