

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: November 28, 2018

Present: Kathy Bueno
Derek Navarette
Joseph Martinez
James Casias
Nick Mattorano

Other Guests: Daniel Moynihan, Chief
Gabriel Moreno, Deputy Chief (left meeting at 4:50pm)
Barbara Fisk, Office Manager

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge	The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Kathy Bueno followed recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call/ Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with Kathy Bueno, Derek Navarette, Jim Casias, Nick Mattorano and Joseph Martinez in attendance.
Proof of Notice	Notices were posted at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, City of Trinidad, Las Animas County Sheriff's Office, and Las Animas County Court House. The Agenda was posted at Trinidad Ambulance District Office at 939 Robinson Avenue.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the October 24, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented was made by James Casias and seconded by Joseph Martinez. The minutes were approved unanimously.
Public Comments	N/A
Financial/Billing Report	Bernadette Cappellucci of Century Financial Group submitted monthly financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2018 along with the following written statement, "the financial for Trinidad Ambulance District appear consistent with the normal month to month income and expenditures. I see nothing out of the ordinary to report on any of the financial data used to derive the October 2018 financials."

Dan reviewed past property taxes received by the district:

2015 = \$1,000,020

2016 = \$1,000,064

2017 = \$ 873,000

2018 = \$ 935,000

He spoke with legal counsel and the district can be added to the November 2019 ballot for a sales tax increase if the board chooses to do so. If necessary, the mill levy could be adjusted down to compensate for the potential increased income.

Las Animas County has a contract with Health Care Partners Foundation, Inc. (HCP) to provide medical services to inmates at the Garcia Justice Center. The contract states the following:

Section 5.2 Compensation – HCP shall be responsible for payment of all costs not to exceed \$11,894.92 per month. County shall be responsible for all costs in excess of \$11,894.92 per month.

Section 8.1 Transportation – All transportation of inmates to any off site location for the provision of medical services to an inmate shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the County, and the County shall bear all costs associated therewith, *except for the cost of ambulance services. All ambulance service costs are covered by and payable pursuant to section 5.2 of this agreement.*

Dan will be contacting the billing company to bill HCP for transports conducted including 2017 and 2018.

Motion to approve the October 2018 financial report as presented was made by Joseph Martinez and seconded by James Casias. The motion was approved unanimously.

2001 E. Main Street Asbestos Abatement

Edge Environmental conducted the asbestos abatement at the drive-in property and All Clean completed the air quality inspection which cleared the property. An issue arose with Edge Environmental misunderstanding the asbestos inspection report and not abating the equipment room, back room and north bathroom. They contacted the State to amend their application and have sent a quote of \$8,722.31 (not including air clearance) to complete the job.

Motion to forward all information to Attorney Les Downs for review before paying additional funds was made by James Casias and seconded by Joseph Martinez. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Transfer Ambulance The chassis for the transfer ambulance will be available December 17th. Completion of build is expected the end of February.

CareVan CareVan was initially organized to transport dialysis patients to their treatments. Currently there are no dialysis patients on our schedule and runs are down in number considerably from 2017. Medicaid payment is very low. Vehicle maintenance and payroll are high. Would the board desire to discontinue the service to the community?

A motion to leave the decision to keep or discontinue CareVan services to area residents to Dan Moynihan was made by James Casias and seconded by Joseph Martinez. The motion was approved unanimously.

November 2019 Ballot If the board desires to proceed, legal counsel has confirmed the district can add a sales tax increase referendum for the district on the November 2019 ballot.

Mt. San Rafael Hospital (MSRH) TAD and MSRH staff met in the hopes of creating better communication and team work between the two entities. TAD offered to provide the hospital with a onsite CareVan which the hospital could staff to transport patients from the hospital. MSRH is not interested. MSRH has been billed for certain transports. Clay Hart from MSRH reported the hospital will not pay.

Dr. Eckler communicated to Dan that he is impressed with our crews and their training. The two have a meeting planned on December 12, 2018.

Apollo Helicopter Dan continues to work with Apollo Air in order to base one of their helicopters in Trinidad. A representative from Apollo Air plans to present information to the county commissioners in March.

Medical Research Andrea has been working on getting TAD involved with the Center for System Improvement to provide multiple layers of data as a rural provider. The information provided will be published.

Operations Report

As Gabe Moreno left the meeting at 4:50pm in response to a 911 call, Dan Moynihan provided an Operation Report for the board to review which included the following information:

Requests For Service 165

Non-Transports 31 of which 16 were from detox refusals

Transports 134 of which 42 were inter-facility transports of which 5 were CareVan

Shift Volume A was the busiest, B had 12 less calls
Call Volume East and West stations split the call volume 83 to 82
Doctor w/Most Calls Dr. Case

From January 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018 inter-facility transfers (330) alone put 66,653 miles on ambulances. For the month of October alone inter-facility transfers (37) accounted for 7,182 miles on ambulances.

Dan reported on two transports from MSRH:

1. November 17, 2018 crews transported an OB patient with an RN from MSRH to Raton. The patient delivered in the ambulance. The baby was breech with the cord wrapped around its neck 3 times.
2. A patient transported from MSRH to Memorial Hospital had scabies. The receiving facility was notified but TAD crews were not informed.

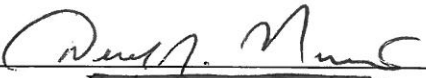
Miscellaneous

Executive Session N/A

Next Meeting Date The regular meeting date of Wednesday, December 27, 2018 has been cancelled. The next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 4:30pm

Adjourned A motion to adjourn the regular meeting of Trinidad Ambulance District was made by James Casias and seconded by Joseph Martinez. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm.

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors.



~~Cathy Bueno, President~~

1/30/19
Date

Derek Navarette, Vice President Presiding