

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD AMBULANCE
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

****Public Comments registration via ZOOM.us***

DATE: February 23, 2022

Present : Kathy Bueno
Nick Mattorano *via teleconference*
Floyd Duran, Jr.
Clay Hart

Other
Attendees: Deputy Chief Gabe Moreno, Legal Counsel Les Downs, Executive
Assistant Barbara Fisk

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:33pm by Kathy Bueno.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with four (4) board members in attendance.
Proof of Notice	Notice was posted on Trinidad Ambulance District's website (tadems.com) and business office at 939 Robinson Avenue. The notice included invitation information for attendance via ZOOM and asked the public to register on Zoom if they were interested in participating in the Public Comments section of the agenda.
Public Comments	None
Meeting Minutes Review	There were no comments or amendments to the January 26, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion to approve the January 26, 2022 minutes as presented was made by Floyd Duran. Second: Clay Hart Yea: Kathy Bueno, Nick Mattorano, Floyd Duran, Clay Hart Nay: None Abstain: None Pass: The motion passed to approve the January 26, 2022 minutes as presented.
Financial Report	Bernadette Cappellucci of Century Financial Group prepared the January 2022 financial report with the following statement: "The financials appear in line with the normal month to month income and expenditures. I see nothing out of the ordinary to report or anything concerning in any of the financial reporting for the month ending January 2022."

Gabe Moreno pointing out the following information from the financial statement:

- Total Cash on Hand = January \$2,506,810
 - Overall income up \$71,664 from January 2021

Quick Med Claims is working more diligently on collections. We did receive a check this month from Mt. San Rafael Hospital for three radiology transfers between January 2020 and August 2021.

Shortages and delays in receipt of medical supplies continue to be an issue. Currently, the cost of medical supplies is up 466.3% (four hundred, sixty-six and three tenths percent).

Motion to approve the January 2022 financial report as presented was made by Clay Hart.

Second: Floyd Duran

Yea: Kathy Bueno, Nick Mattorano, Floyd Duran, Clay Hart

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Pass: The January 2022 Financial Statement was approved as presented.

EMS/MC
Billing Contract

Since continued collections issues have been noted with Quick Med Claims, Dan Moynihan and Captain David DeTray researched several companies while attending an American Ambulance Association event. Of those interviewed, EMS Management & Consultants stood out as a possible option for replacing Quick Med Claims. The company has been in the business of billing and collecting fees for 25 years in the EMS industry. The board has been provided with a letter of introduction and potential Billing Services Agreement for review. Fees noted therein equal 5.00% of all cash and check amounts including electronic fund transfers received by EMS/MC (QMC 6.5%).

Clay Hart suggested looking at a couple more companies including one his wife is familiar with, Collection Service Company in Colorado Springs. He will provide contact information for them to contact TAD representatives. When asked if they were simply a collections agency, he excused himself from the meeting to go outside and ask his wife. Floyd Duran recommended checking references. It was confirmed that the service agreement would remain valid if no action is taken at this meeting.

The topic was tabled until more information can be acquired for discussion at the March 23rd board meeting.

Director's Report

Gabe Moreno presented the Director's Report in Dan Moynihan's absence.

Dr. Kevin Weber. Sadly, Dr. Kevin Weber, Medical Director for TAD and many other agencies, passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 8:24pm. His funeral is set for March 2nd at 11:00am in Pueblo. We will have uniformed personnel in attendance.

Mt. San Rafael Hospital Litigation. A continuance has been approved for the February 23rd injunction hearing.

ALS/BLS Refresher Course(s). Roughly 30 people attended the ALS/BLS Refresher Course offered through TAD.

Command Trailer. The newly purchased Command Trailer had its first outing. As part of our Inter-Governmental Agreement with Las Animas County, we were called out to assist in the search for a missing person. TAD was able to deploy our new command trailer and UTV. Overall, the operation went great.

Captain DeTray acted as the Incident Commander and did a great job in coordinating the search efforts. As Chief of Hoehne Volunteer Fire District, TAD Paramedic Darren Kolakowski was the Operations Section Chief. He, too, did a great job managing personnel and search efforts. Deputy Chief Moreno acted as the Medical Liaison between all entities. There were roughly 100 personnel on-hand for the search including units from Arapahoe, Bent, Freemont, Las Animas and El Paso County Sheriff's Office/Search and Rescue, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Trinidad Ambulance District, Trinidad, Pinon Canyon, Fisher's Peak, Stonewall, Spanish Peaks and Hoehne Volunteer Fire Departments, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Arapahoe County's Search and Rescue team was made up of students ages 14-18 years old and were very impressive in their professionalism and capabilities.

Operations Report

Deputy Chief Moreno submitted the following run information for January 2022:

Requests for Service	258
Non-Transports	81
Transports	177
IFT	35 (1 cancelled)
Flight	0
On Call	8 transports
Med 4	1 transport
EMS2	3
EMS3	2

Inter-Facility Transfer vehicle miles 7,457

The State Trauma Grant application has been submitted for remounting unit #1501 (VIN 9576), purchasing an EleGARD patient positioning device, and Personal Protective Equipment for personnel. Awards are typically announced around August.

Fleet Report

Captain DeTray reported that one ambulance is experiencing oil seepage, otherwise, all is good. Potential issues with the current grant to re-chassis unit #1901 may have arisen. The State demands all work be completed by the end of their financial year (June). Currently no extensions are permitted but a nationwide shortage in vehicle chassis is creating a problem with that timeline. Several options have been exhausted in attempts to find the necessary chassis, to no avail. The hop is that the State will realize the issue and extend the grant process.

Miscellaneous

None

Next Meeting Date

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022 at 4:30pm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Directors was made by Floyd Duran.

Second: Clay Hart

Yea: Kathy Bueno, Floyd Duran, Clay Hart (Nick Mattorano dropped from teleconference)

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Pass: The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors March 23, 2022



Kathy Bueno, Chairperson

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