

EMS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009
6:00 P.M.

The EMS Advisory Board met this date in the Sister Patricia Room of the North Tower at St. Alphonsus Hospital. Present: Tom Peterson, Brent Eaton, Ted Ryan, Murry Sturkie, Matt Conklin, and Darby Weston.

Guest: John McGown

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

All members were present with the exception of Amy Burkhalter, Pat Burton and Doug Rosin.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MOTION

STURKIE MOTIONS TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE 1/21/09 MEETING. RYAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIES.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Physician Directors Report – Sturkie

EMS is helping ISU finish up their paramedic program for the current year. We have no idea where the program is going after this semester; ISU is working on those specifics.

All Paramedic courses have to be nationally accredited by January 1, 2012. Harry Eccard and Mary Anne Pace from EMS have been working with ISU and CSI on partnering with them to get our program to an associate degree level and to meet those accreditation requirements.

Medical directors have been reviewing charts using the ESO program. Since ESO is an on-line program, the reviews can be more specific to certain field employees or techniques and they can be done sooner.

2. Directors Report - Weston

Hagen is out of town so Weston will be filling in tonight.

Appreciation award is given to Brent Eaton for 22 years of service on the Advisory Board. He will be stepping down from the Board after this meeting.

Special Olympics were completed in February and we received compliments and thanks on the medical coverage that was provided. The success is due to all of the people

involved; EMS, hospitals and physician groups and volunteers. A total of 420 patients were seen at the venue medical clinics during the games.

Senate Bill 1108 has made it out of Committee and is being amended to reflect the new language and is expected to go through the House and Senate with out opposition. It brings some semblance of order and direction for the Code Task Force to be successful next year in the Legislature.

The strategic planning process and budgeting for outcomes have been rolled out for the County and we will start the full budget process in the next 3 weeks. Budgeting for outcomes is the center of strategic planning process taken out and set aside as a budget structure. It requires that the BOCC set priorities for Ada County to achieve and to organize those priorities into what they want to see over the course of the year. Each department does strategic planning and sets their goals and strategies to achieve the County outcomes and define the cost of those strategies and based on the alignment the BOCC sets the budget at the end of the process. EMS has been doing just that for the past 5 years defining what we want to accomplish and what our mission is and what our strategic objectives are.

We are still in the negotiation process with Blue Cross. They have sent over one offer but EMS is unable to accept it so it will be rejected which will allow Blue Cross to take it higher up the chain of command for another proposal. Canyon County Paramedics have a contract with Blue Cross for the first time ever. We are optimistic that an agreement will be reached between Blue Cross and EMS.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.