

EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 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: Amy Burkhalter, Dr. Conklin, Doug Rosin, Tom Peterson, Darby Weston, Ted Ryan and Troy Hagen.

Guests: Commissioner Sharon Ullman, John McGown

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

All members were present with the exception of Brent Eaton and Dr. Sturkie.

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**BURKHALTER MOTIONS TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE 11/19/08 MEETING. BURTON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Physician Directors Report – Conklin

PACE meeting this month went well, they are working on the C-Spine protocols and the joint (county-wide medical) protocols.

Dr. Conklin met with Education Department today to discuss assisting ISU with their paramedic course. There are benefits for both agencies. Ryan supports ACP providing them with the assistance.

Commissioner Ullman believes that EMS is what County government should be all about. She wants to look at all of the areas of EMS; response times and services. She feels it is about doing the best that can be done for the citizens of Ada County. Get everyone on the same page for protocols and services being provided to Ada County so things are uniform across the board for all involved.

Peterson says that the Advisory Board feels very much the same about bringing everyone to work in a system.

Hagen clarifies that standard protocols are being used by all entities (ACP and fire) in Ada County with the exception of Boise Fire.

## 2. Directors Report – Hagen

EMS Code Task Force has been working for a couple of years to set up county wide EMS systems with a goal of having consistent level of care, medical direction, qualifications for personnel and protocols.

The State Bureau of EMS is going to propose legislation but it is mostly administrative clean up of the current rules. Currently, the State has no ability to deny licensing applications. The Bureau would like to have language in place that allows them some performance criteria.

Peterson requests that Hagen keeps the Advisory Board apprised of the process of the State EMS Bureau legislation.

Special Olympics will take place over a period of approximately two weeks with about 5000 people arriving in the valley (2500 athletes) starting Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Opening ceremonies are on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> with the games running through Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. ACP will be staffing the command center at the Public Safety Building starting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. There has been a lot of assistance from St. Luke's, Emergency Medicine of Idaho, Idaho Emergency Physicians and St. Alphonsus setting up the medical clinics and organizing the medical coverage for the games.

Hagen and Mr. McGown met again with Blue Cross to further discuss the reimbursement rates. They have started negotiations on the reimbursement rates that BC is using. The current rates are the same all across the state of Idaho which does not work for the different types, location and size of ambulance services in the state.

EMS for Executives presentation that was presented to the Advisory Board last month has been presented to the Mayor and City Councils in Star, Meridian, Eagle and Garden City.

Boise Fire Department has applied for their ambulance license through the State EMS Bureau. The Boise Fire chief was at the Ada County Fire Chief's meeting today to present three options that they have been looking at. The message from the chief was that they are moving forward no matter which of the three options is chosen.

Conklin would be all for a fire based system if it involved the whole county and was system wide. There has to be some point where it should be recognized that they are working against the system as Boise Fire has gone out on their own without regard to the rest of the system.

Ullman thinks that maybe even functional consolidation could work, not destroy what we have but, build on what has been started while keeping a mind to the employees of ACP. She is not interested in a turf war.

NACFR and Boise Fire are very close to an agreement for functional consolidation just like Boise Fire has with Whitney Fire. Maybe it is not just a county wide EMS system but a county wide fire system that we are going to.

Peterson is not sure how we are going to get everyone to sit down for discussion because we have put forward an offer to have someone from Boise City sit on the Advisory Board and they have not felt it was important enough to send anyone. The olive branch has been offered but it has never been taken by Boise City.

Weston presents the fiscal year 2008 Response Analysis. Two data sources are used to create the report; CAD and Healthware.

**V. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS**

**MOTION**

**RYAN MOTIONS TO KEEP PETERSON AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY BOARD. ROSIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION**

**ROSIN MOTIONS TO ELECT BURTON AS THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON. RYAN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIES.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting is adjourned at 7:46 p.m.