EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY – A Public Trust
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, January 26, 2011
EMSA Corporate Offices
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1417 N. Lansing Ave., Tulsa, OK 74106

NOTICE AND REVISED AGENDA for the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Emergency Medical Services Authority, a Public Trust, was posted January 25, 2011 in the offices of the City Clerk of Oklahoma City at 11:29 am, and with the City Clerk of the City of Tulsa on January 25, 2011 at 10:32 am, more than 24 hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Dr. Jim Griffin.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Mr. Phil Morgans
Dr. Jim Griffin
Mr. Gary Marrs
Mr. Larry Stevens
Ms. Lillian Perryman
Dr. Tyree Seals
Mr. Larry McAtee
Dr. Jeff Goodloe

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Williamson, EMSA
Kent Torrence, EMSA
Angie Lehman, EMSA
Ann Laur, EMSA
James Davis, EMSA
Stephen Dean, Paramedics Plus
Tracy Johnson, Paramedics Plus
Lara O'Leary, Paramedics Plus
Jim Orbison, Riggs/Abney
Doug Dowler, City of Oklahoma City

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Mr. Joe Hodges, Dr. James Rodgers

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Regular Board Minutes of October 27, 2010**
2. **Approval of EMSA's Contract with HealthPort**
3. **Approval of EMSA's Policy and Procedures #28, Employee Awards**
4. **Approval of EMSA's Oklahoma City Apartment Lease**

Upon motion made by Mr. McAtee and seconded by Mr. Marrs, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Item 1 on the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYE: Mr. Gary Marrs, Mr. Larry Stevens, Dr. Jim Griffin,
Ms. Lillian Perryman, Mr. Phil Morgans, Dr. Tyree Seals, Mr. Larry McAtee

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Mr. Joe Hodges, Dr. James Rodgers

The remaining three items on the Consent Agenda were reviewed by the Board.

Upon motion made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Ms. Perryman, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Items 2, 3 and 4 on the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYE: Mr. Gary Marrs, Mr. Larry Stevens, Dr. Jim Griffin,
Ms. Lillian Perryman, Mr. Phil Morgans, Dr. Tyree Seals, Mr. Larry McAtee

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Mr. Joe Hodges, Dr. James Rodgers

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Chairman's Report

None.

2. Chief Financial Officer's Report

Mr. Kent Torrence presented an overview of the financial statements for the six months ending December 31, 2010. The Eastern Division had a YTD net profit of $459 thousand compared to a budgeted net loss of $801 thousand. The Western Division had a YTD net loss of $2,525 thousand compared to a budgeted net loss of $3,730 thousand. The YTD collection rate for the Eastern Division was 69.0% compared to a budgeted collection rate of 63.0%. The YTD collection rate for the Western Division was 69.0% compared to a budgeted collection rate of 63.0%. The Eastern Division had 233 more emergency transports than budgeted YTD, and 185 less non-emergency transports than budgeted. The Western Division had 1,281 more emergency transports than budgeted YTD, and 593 less non-emergency transports than budgeted.

3. Ratification of President's Action Regarding Schedule of 2011 EMSA Board of Trustee Meetings

Item 3 was not addressed at this meeting. It will be placed on the agenda again for the February 23, 2011 meeting of the EMSA Board of Trustees.

4. President's Report

Mr. Williamson reviewed the compliance reports for the month of December, 2010. Response times for both the eastern division were compliant in all categories with the exception of Priority 4 calls, which is a non-emergency category. Response times for the western division were in compliance in all categories. There were no areas of discrimination in either division. Mr. Williamson is pleased that the system is fully staffed and ready to handle the expected increase in volume due to the flu and winter weather.

Mr. Williamson reminded the board that the 2% increase in retroactive payment adjustments provided for in the 2010 Affordable Care Act expired on December 31, 2010. Therefore, EMSA will be receiving 2% less in 2011 for Medicare reimbursement. EMS reimbursement is now tied to the Physicians package currently in Congress.

Mr. Williamson informed the board that CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) published the Final Rule regarding its policy on reporting fractional mileage. Beginning with Medicare claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, ambulance services will be required to report mileage to the nearest tenth of a mile instead of rounding up to the nearest whole number. This will have an impact on our cash flow.

Mr. Williamson reported the receipt of a second open records request from the Tulsa Fire Department. EMSA has met with counsel and is currently compiling information that was appropriately requested. Mr. Williamson has informed the mayor's office and is waiting to hear back regarding the request.

5. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Goodloe reviewed highlights from the Cardiac Arrest Report for the month of November, 2010. The report reflects that the quality of care patients receive in our system is resulting in high returns to spontaneous circulation rates and in survival of the patient to the hospital, as well as neurologically intact survival out of the hospital setting.

EMSA has now surpassed the one year mark of the therapeutic hyperthermia program. TJ Reginald, with the Office of the Medical Director, is currently putting statistics together to provide us with a clear indication of what this first year of the program has accomplished.

Dr. Goodloe looks forward to sharing the results with the Board.

Dr. Goodloe informed the Board that effective February 1, new international guidelines issued in late October, 2010, regarding resuscitations, will be implemented. Dr. Goodloe expects these new guidelines to have a positive impact on our survival rate.

Dr. Goodloe briefly reviewed the CQI summary for the month of December, 2010.

The divert reports for the month of December, 2010, were then reviewed. Dr. Goodloe voiced his concerns about current hold times at hospitals and feels the problem not only impacts operations, but has clinical impacts, as well.

Dr. Goodloe recently returned from the Annual Conference of the National Association of EMS Physicians. There were four research presentations given by Dr. Goodloe and his colleagues from the OU School of Community Medicine. While there, he received several comments from physicians around the country regarding the emerging presence of OU and is pleased that it is quickly gaining importance in the world of EMS research.

Dr. Goodloe has accepted an invitation to speak in France next month. It is an exciting opportunity to speak to an international audience about the American perspective on therapeutic hypothermia and he is looking forward to being able to highlight the work of our system's medics.

Over the next few months, there are some additional opportunities Dr. Goodloe has accepted. He has advised Mr. Williamson of his schedule and any expected conflicts with upcoming EMSA Board of Trustee meetings. When Dr. Goodloe is unable to attend due to a conflict, he will prepare a written report in advance for the Board. On February 23, (the date of the next board meeting), Dr. Goodloe will be attending the EMS State of the Science – A Gathering of Eagles/Eagle Creek Medical Directors meeting in Dallas.

6. New Business

None.

7. Trustees' Reports

None.

8. Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the EMSA Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 1:00 pm via video conference at the EMSA Administrative Offices, 1111 Classen Drive, Oklahoma City (Western Division) and 1417 N. Lansing Ave., Tulsa, OK (Eastern Division).

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm.

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Ann C. Laur, Secretary Date Approved