EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY – A Public Trust
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 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 March 22, 2011 in the offices of the City Clerk of Oklahoma City at 8:50 am, and with the City Clerk of the City of Tulsa on March 22, 2011 at 8:08 am, more than 24 hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 1:28 p.m. by Dr. Jim Griffin.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Williamson, EMSA
Kent Torrence, EMSA
Angie Lehman, EMSA
Ann Laur, EMSA
Frank Gresh, EMSA
Stephen Dean, Paramedics Plus
Tracy Johnson, EMSA
Lara O'Leary, Paramedics Plus
Jim Orbison, Riggs/Abney
Doug Dowler, City of Oklahoma City
Tina Wells, Schnake/Turnbo/Frank
Rodney Johnson, Medic Institute

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Mr. Joe Hodges, Dr. James Rodgers, Mr. Larry Stevens, Dr. Jeff Goodloe

Before the meeting was called to order, Mr. Rodney Johnson of the Medic Institute, spoke to the Board of Trustees regarding legislative issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Regular Board Minutes of January 26, 2011

Upon motion made by Ms. Perryman and seconded by Mr. Morgans, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Mr. Joe Hodges, Mr. Larry Stevens, 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 eight months ending February 28, 2011. The Eastern Division had a YTD net profit of $226 thousand compared to a budgeted net loss of $1,094 thousand. The Western Division had a YTD net loss of $3,664 thousand compared to a budgeted net loss of $4,996 thousand. The YTD collection rate for the Eastern Division was 66.0% compared to a budgeted collection rate of 63.0%. The YTD collection rate for the Western Division was 66.0% compared to a budgeted collection rate of 63.0%. The Eastern Division had 797 more emergency transports than budgeted YTD, and 221 less non-emergency transports than budgeted. The Western Division had 2,420 more emergency transports than budgeted YTD, and 861 less non-emergency transports than budgeted.

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

Upon motion made by Mr. Morgans and seconded by Dr. Griffin, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Ratification of President's Action Regarding the Schedule of 2011 EMSA Board of Trustee Meetings.

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

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Dr. James Rodgers, Mr. Joe Hodges, Mr. Larry Stevens

4. President's Report

Mr. Williamson reviewed the compliance reports for the months of January and February, 2011. Response times for both the eastern and western divisions were compliant in all categories. There were no areas of discrimination in either division.

Mr. Williamson explained to the board that the Tulsa Fire Department received federal grants to open another fire academy, which in turn has caused a drop in the number of medics at EMSA. Paramedics Plus is, however, currently graduating medics from its own academy and is therefore able to fill the vacancies. Mr. Williamson commended Paramedics Plus for the job they do in keeping our system fully staffed.

Mr. Williamson then informed the board that due to the new healthcare bill, the probability of EMS organizations joining with doctors, hospitals and insurers to form Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) is being considered. This latest model for delivering services offers financial incentives to provide good quality care while keeping down costs. Mr. Williamson emphasized the importance of placing EMSA in a position to demonstrate quality with measurements and internal programs in order to receive the highest financial incentive amount possible. Although ACOs will most likely be 3-5 years in forming, they will affect every hospital and care provider in the country. Although it hasn't yet been discussed in the EMS industry, it is likely EMS will be included, and it is incumbent upon EMSA to be proactive. Mr. Williamson intends to keep the Authority in the best possible position by continuing to tailor the quality improvement process. It is too early to have an indication of the financial impact should EMS be included in Accountable Care Organizations, but Mr. Williamson will keep the Board informed of any developments as he learns of them.

5. Acquistion of Lifepak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator Devices

EMSA has been offered a $1500 credit per Lifepak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator device in addition to a 20% discount on LIFEPAK 15 battery chargers and batteries, if an order of 20 devices is placed before April 29, 2011.

Upon motion made by Dr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Morgans, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Acquisition of Lifepak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator Devices

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

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Dr. James Rodgers, Mr. Joe Hodges, Mr. Larry Stevens

6. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Goodloe is not in attendance, as he is in Seattle, Washington, with his staff, investigating additional mechanisms to advance our EMS system's clinical performance. He has provided a written report for the Board of Trustees and it may be found under this section of the meeting agenda posted on EMSA's website, emsaonline.com.

7. New Business

None.

8. Trustees' Reports

None.

9. Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the EMSA Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, April 27, 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).

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.

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Ann C. Laur, Secretary Date Approved