EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY – A Public Trust
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, August 25, 2010
EMSA Corporate Offices
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NOTICE AND REVISED AGENDA for the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Emergency Medical Services Authority, a Public Trust, was posted August 23, 2010 in the offices of the City Clerk of Oklahoma City at 11:55 am, and with the City Clerk of the City of Tulsa on August 23, 2010 at 11:29 am, more than 24 hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Dr. Jim Griffin.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Mr. Larry McAtee
Dr. Jim Griffin
Mr. Larry Stevens
Ms. Lillian Perryman
Mr. Joe Hodges
Mr. Gary Marrs
Mr. Allen LaCroix
Dr. Jeff Goodloe

OTHERS PRESENT

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Mr. Phil Morgans, Dr. Tyree Seals, Dr. Jim Rodgers

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Regular Board Minutes of May 26, 2010

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

AYE: Mr. Gary Marrs, Mr. Joe Hodges, Mr. Larry Stevens, Dr. Jim Griffin, Mr. LaCroix, Ms. Lillian Perryman

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Dr. Jim Rodgers, Dr. Tyree Seals, Mr. Larry McAtee, Mr. Phil Morgans

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Chairman's Report

None.

2. & 3. (combined)

(2) Ratification of President's Action Regarding Approval of the Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Oklahoma City and the Emergency Medical Services Authority and (3) Ratification of President's Action Regarding Approval of the Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Mustang and the Emergency Medical Services Authority

Mr. Williamson requested ratification of his action regarding the signed Professional Services Agreements Between the City of Oklahoma City and the City of Mustang, whereby Utility Customers may participate in the Medical Services Program and make payment through the Cities, as the Utility Customer's paying agents, to EMSA through monthly installments on their City's utility bills.

Upon motion made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Marrs, the Board of Trustees voted to Ratifiy the President's Action Regarding Approval of the Professional Services Agreements Between the City of Oklahoma City and the Emergency Medical Services Authority and the City of Mustang and the Emergency Medical Services Authority.

AYE: Dr. Jim Griffin, Ms. Lillian Perryman, Mr. Allen LaCroix, Mr. Joe Hodges, Mr. Gary Marrs, Mr. Larry Stevens

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Dr. Tyree Seals, Mr. Larry McAtee, Dr. Jim Rodgers, Mr. Phil Morgans

4. President's Report

Mr. Williamson introduced Kelli Bruer, who was present for the meeting in Tulsa. Ms. Bruer is EMSA's new Director of Communications and Public Relations.

Mr. Williamson announced that three reviewers from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) conducted onsite reviews for accreditation on August 12th and 13th. Both Oklahoma City and Tulsa locations were assessed. As a result, EMSA received full accreditation with distinction, and is honored to have received a perfect score. The accreditation is valid for three years.

Mr. Williamson reviewed the compliance reports for the months of May, June and July, 2010. Response times for the month of May for the eastern division were in compliance in all categories with the exception of Priority 4 calls (pre-scheduled non-emergency category), which was at 88%. The western division was in compliance in all categories. For the months of June and July, both the Eastern and Western divisions were in compliance in all categories. There were no areas of discrimination in either division during all three months.

Mr. Williamson met with Mayor Dewey Bartlett, Mr. Jim Twombly and Mr. Terry Simonson of the City of Tulsa on August 24 to discuss the EMS system. Because it is a new City administration, Mr. Williamson explained the current EMS system in general, the Window of Opportunity and how it works, and briefly discussed the Trust Indenture and its stated purpose.

Mr. Williamson recently met with Dr. Steven Thomas, the chairman of the School of Emergency Medicine at the University of Oklahoma's Health Sciences Center. Mr. Williamson has proposed a statement of work be submitted to request the School of Emergency Medicine to conduct independent research regarding the best evidence based medicine in the field of EMS. In order to assure that the clinical standards included in the next RFP are medically sound, we need to be sure they are based on today's medicine. He anticipates some cost savings may result from the findings of the research due to changes in the standard of care over time. The School of Emergency Medicine will submit their findings no later than March.

5. Possible Acquisition of New Stryker Power Cots

Mr. Williamson explained to the Board that Stryker, a manufacturer of patient cots, has offered an opportunity to save $89,819.80 if EMSA signs an order before September 1. EMSA previously had the new Stryker power cots in its budget forecast to be purchased after July, 2011. On October 1, 2010, Stryker will have a price increase of 4%.

With the opportunity to order before the price increase, the savings would be significant, and EMSA could take delivery of the cots in December, 2010. In addition, Stryker has agreed to give EMSA credit terms of same as cash, with six equal payments beginning July, 2011.

Upon motion made by Mr. LaCroix and seconded by Ms. Perryman, the Board of Trustees voted to Approve the Acquisition of New Stryker Power Cots for EMSA.

AYE: Mr. Allen LaCroix, Ms. Lillian Perryman, Dr. Jim Griffin, Mr. Gary Marrs, Mr. Joe Hodges, Mr. Larry Stevens

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Dr. Tyree Seals, Mr. Larry McAtee, Dr. Jim Rodgers, Mr. Phil Morgans

6. Medical Director's Report

Dr. Goodloe briefly reviewed the divert reports with the Board. The consistent reduction shown in the number of diverts continues to indicate a very productive relationship between our EMS system and the hospitals.

Dr. Goodloe and David Howerton of the Office of the Medical Director recently made a presentation based on a number of high risk cases at the EMS Today Conference in Baltimore. Dr. Jean-Claude Deslandes, an anesthesiologist by training with over three decades of extensive EMS clinical practice experience in France and abroad, and a renowned publisher of EMS journals, as well, was in the audience. He introduced himself to Dr. Goodloe after the presentation and expressed interest in looking at our EMS system.

As a result, Dr. Deslandes recently visited and examined our system in great detail, not only from a medical oversight perspective, but from a variety of aspects, including our combined system with the fire department as first responders, and the types of ambulances used. He indicated a profound appreciation for the high caliber of our system and is considering the possibility of organizing and hosting an international EMS conference in Tulsa.

The Office of the Medical Director has recently completed (with help from EMSA personnel) a scientific study on cot operations in a large urban EMS system and the benefit of Howler sirens, now used on EMSA ambulances. The work has been submitted for consideration to be presented in January at the NAEMSP (National Association of EMS Physicians) meeting. Dr. Goodloe anticipates it will be a few weeks before he receives notice as to whether the study will be accepted for presentation at the meeting.

The results of the study indicate the number of cot drops for the size of our EMS system is astoundingly low and speaks to the quality of EMS personnel in our system. In over a year, there has not been a single patient injured from a cot drop. Power cots like the ones EMSA is purchasing will further reduce the likelihood of patient injuries, as well as the number of injuries to crews.

The study conducted on the Howler sirens scientifically demonstrates that the sirens have been significant in the reduction of accidents at intersections.

One page summaries of the CQI reports for the months of May, June and July, 2010 are available for viewing on the EMSA website (emsaonline.com), under the tab "News/Board Meetings".

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, October 27, 2010 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 1:28 pm.

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Ann C. Laur, Secretary Date Approved