



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087 972-882-2840

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 05, 2012 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Lorie Grinnan (Rck. County)
Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)
Barry Brooks (Heath)
David Sweet (Rockwall)
Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)

Board Members Absent:

Dennis Bailey (Rck. County)
Bill Broderick (Fate)
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)
Doug Phillips (Rowlett)

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call to order

Lorie Grinnan, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2012 ES Corporation Board Meeting

Steve Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes. Dennis Lewis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (6 ayes, 4 absent (Bailey, Broderick, Lawson, Phillips)).

3. Discuss / act on Treasurer's Reports

David Sweet made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports. Janet Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (6 ayes, 4 absent (Bailey, Broderick, Lawson, Phillips)).

4. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Program reports

Joe DeLane, Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator, came forth and briefed the board on recent emergency management related activities. Mr. DeLane indicated that Joe Ellis, the current Emergency Management Specialist for Rockwall County, has resigned and will soon begin working for the City of Dallas Emergency Management Department. He is considering promoting his existing employee and then bringing forth a recommendation to the board to consider freezing her vacated Clerk's position for a period of six months to achieve some cost savings. He updated the board on some recent Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) and an upcoming, joint meeting with local emergency managers and RISD to discuss planning a full scale exercise in the summer months. Also, Rockwall County Emergency Management has recently become involved in a local effort called the "Child

51 **Abduction Response Team (CART)” to better prepare for response to such incidents. A**
52 **functional exercise will be conducted at the new county courthouse on January 25.**

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54 **After Mr. DeLane’s update, the board took no action related to this item.**

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56 **5. Adjournment**

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58 **The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

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60 **AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

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62 **Board Members Present:**

63 **Lorie Grinnan (Rck. County)**
64 **Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)**
65 **Barry Brooks (Heath)**
66 **David Sweet (Rockwall)**
67 **Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)**
68 **Janet Nichol (Royse City)**

62 **Board Members Absent:**

63 **Dennis Bailey (Rck. County)**
64 **Bill Broderick (Fate)**
65 **Dana Lawson (Mobile City)**

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70 **1. Call to order**

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72 **Lorie Grinnan called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.**

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74 **2. Hear report from the board's EMS consultant, Steve Athey of Healthcare Visions, regarding**
75 **recent EMS industry trends, Medic Rescue's reports and the EMS service contract between**
76 **Medic Rescue and the ES Corporation Board**

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78 **Steve Athey briefed the board on recent industry trends and events. He talked about the**
79 **average cost per patient ambulance transport nationwide and indicated that Medicare**
80 **reimbursements are lower than the amount it usually costs for ambulance providers to**
81 **conduct transports. He explained that the American Ambulance Association has had**
82 **representatives meeting with Congress to educate them on the needed increase in Medicare**
83 **reimbursements for ambulance service providers. However, instead of increases, Congress**
84 **actually made cuts. Mr. Athey also spoke to the board about Seattle’s Medic 1 ambulance unit**
85 **and its “cardiac arrest survivability” rate success. He explained that the nationwide**
86 **survivability rate has typically been just over twenty percent; however, Seattle’s Medic 1 has**
87 **been experiencing rates of over fifty percent, mostly attributed to administering constant CPR**
88 **instead of shocking or using defibrillators.**

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90 **The board took no action related to this discussion item.**

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92 **3. Discuss / act on authorizing the ES Corporation Board President to form a technical**
93 **subcommittee to review the current EMS/ambulance service contract and bring back any**
94 **amendment recommendations to the board and Medic Rescue for future consideration**

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96 **Lorie Grinnan indicated that she would like the board to consider authorizing her to review the**
97 **current EMS service contract and bring back any recommendations for possible, needed**
98 **amendments at a future date. Steve Hatfield made a motion to authorize Lorie Grinnan to do**
99 **so. David Sweet seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.**

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101 **4. Discuss / act on reports from Medic Rescue regarding EMS contract compliance and all**
102 **related issues**

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Mitch Ownby of Rockwall County EMS / Medic Rescue indicated that both Lakepointe Medical Center and Rockwall Presbyterian Hospital have achieved stroke accreditation. He provided comments related to a billing report update, indicating that the average patient charge is somewhat trending downward. Some discussion took place regarding the response time reports with Ownby indicating that the Heath relocation changes have not really seemed to have much of a positive effect on improving response times to Heath. He suggested that FM-549 at Horizon Road may be a good, more permanent staging location once the county grows a little more in the future. He believes such staging location would help improve response times to both Heath and McLendon Chisholm. Mr. Ownby shared information about a Child Fatality Review Board, indicating that Rockwall County EMS has been participating in this cooperation with Presbyterian Hospital in an effort to reduce child fatalities.

Regarding September's billing report, Ownby stated that the numbers are "up" quite a bit and that the changes in the billing system have overall been helpful. Ownby shared that about one-half of Medic Rescue's income is from Medicare. He expressed the belief that Congress will likely make the most financial cuts on non-emergency transports and may make slight increases in funding for emergency transports.

Lorie Grinnan asked Mr. Ownby about how they are handling their cardiac arrest patients. Mr. Ownby shared that they have been keeping up with current trends and have been administering a modified, more updated version of CPR for several years now. He stated that Medic Rescue generally has a good save rate that is above the national average. He further stated that the American Heart Association is relooking at AEDs and is evaluating additional airway technology that may, in conjunction with AEDs, help increase survival rates for cardiac arrests.

Heath Councilman and ES Corporation Board Member, Barry Brooks, shared that he was on his bicycle last Saturday on John King Boulevard when he was almost hit by one of Medic Rescue's ambulances that had lights on but no sirens and ran a stop sign. He wants to ensure EMS drivers are following laws and proper protocols.

The board took no action related to this discussion item.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION on this the 23rd day of January, 2013 ADOPTED AND


Lorie Grinnan
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:

Kristy Ashberry
Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

