

EMS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 4, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

River Falls City Hall

222 Lewis Street

River Falls, WI

Call Meeting to Order 6:31 p.m.

Advisory Board Members Present: Carole Mottaz, Gary Donath, Kent Kittleson, Jeanne Wespetal, Judy Edgar, Ken McNiff

Also Present: Jason Stroud, EMS Director

Advisory Board Members Absent: Hal Watson

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Amended Minutes from October 1, 2018.

MSC Donath/Wespetal to approve Amended October 1, 2018 minutes. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2018.

MSC Wespetal/Donath to approve December 3, 2018 minutes. Unanimous.

1) EMS Department Annual Report

EMS Department

A little over half of the hours needed to cover shifts are provided by full time staff. The challenge is in covering the rest of the shifts with part-time and casual staff members.

Department Highlights

Allina Partnership – The protocols provided by Allina are designed to be generic and we will be working on writing WI specific protocols by the end of the year. The chaplain, Chris, will be coming to the March training.

Community outreach – The decision was made to eliminate the Community Liaison position due to budget constraints. The services will be evaluated and provided by other members of the service.

EMS Vehicle Information

The ready reserve ambulance will be housed at the Prescott station.

- Medic QRV8 was sold to the City and the City bought the ambulance service a Ford Escape to be used for transportation to events and training, as the QRV8 was rarely used.
- The Command Trailer was sold at auction. It was purchased to be used during mass

- casualty scenarios but was expensive to keep updated and the counties now provide them.
- The 2015 Bobcat was sold to the City for \$10,000 and can be borrowed as needed.

2018 Billing Information

Wespetal asked why the reimbursement rate for Non-Resident BLS runs was so much lower than that for residents. Stroud explained that Medicare only reimburses a certain amount regardless of whether the service occurred as a resident or not.

Mottaz asked why the Standby/MVC reimbursement rate was so low and it was explained that this is often an out-of-pocket expense that customers don't pay.

EXPENSES

Stroud explained that 2018 was an anomaly in that there was an overlap of compensation for Medical Directors during the change in leadership, there is a service member on long term leave who was paid at the same time as her replacement and the purchase of the secure medications vending machine was considered essential.

However, there is the potential that there will be a negative discrepancy between revenues and expenditures in the future so certain actions had to be taken. To date they are as follows,

1. Less coverage from midnight to 6 am to match run volume
2. Elimination of the Community Outreach position
3. Sale of two vehicles
4. Change of billing service

Stroud emphasized that none of these changes have affected the quality of care.

Adjournment: MSC Donath/Wespetal at 7:27 p.m.

Next meeting date April 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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