

Municipal EMS Board Meeting Minutes Form

The June 27, 2006 meeting of the Municipal EMS Board was called to order by Barbara Simonsen at 7:05am, at City Hall, 632 West 6th Avenue, Room 830, Anchorage, Alaska. A quorum was not present.

Present

Dr. Gil Dickie
Dr. Richard Navitsky
Dr. Jan Veasart
Barbara Simonsen, RN, Chair
Dr. Keith Winkle

Excused

Dr. Richard Brodsky
Mary Leemhuis, RN
Dr. Michael Levy
Peggy Jones, RN

Absent

Dr. Frank Sacco
Tim Garbe, FF/PM
Dr. Tim Silbaugh

AFD Staff

Craig Goodrich, Fire Chief
Doug Schrage, Deputy Chief of Operations
Erich Scheunemann, Chief Medical Officer
Michael Crotty, Chief Medical Officer
Frank Nolan, Chief Medical Officer
Chris Bushue, Chief Medical Officer
Mark Baker, Fire Training Specialist
Avonda Perry, FOA, EMS Ops
Ann Carruthers, FOA, EMS Ops

Guest

Denis LeBlanc, City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

A quorum was not present.

AGENDA CHANGES

CMO Scheunemann is Acting Deputy Chief of EMS and will be giving the Administrative report for Deputy Chief Threadgill. CMO Nolan will be giving the QI Metrics report for Deputy Chief Threadgill.

OLD BUSINESS

RMS Replacement Update - Michael Crotty, CMO

- Last month's report was RFP had been sent to Purchasing
- RFP was returned from Purchasing with comments
- A refinement of the scoring system for the RFP is being worked on before it goes back to Purchasing
- Barb Simonsen asked what the scoring system will be and if multiple vendors will be able to meet the requirements of the RFP

- CMO Crotty reports the goal is to have the RFP to Purchasing and out for bid within a 30 day window before the end of July

Infectious Disease Surveillance Software (First Watch) - Michael Crotty, CMO

- Sole-source waiting for approval by Purchasing
- First Watch – monitors CAD and FireRMS databases for defined trends
- First Watch technical support has been contacted by AFD Data Systems
- First Watch should be in place by the time the Board meets again

AQUA Program - James Foster, CMO

- No Report - CMO Foster and Communications Officer Al Tamagni on leave

REPORTS

Administration - Erich Scheunemann, CMO (Acting Deputy Chief of EMS for Soren Threadgill, Deputy Chief of EMS)

- DC Threadgill is in Washington, D.C., working on a Department of Homeland Security Taskforce for Water Rescue Surge Capacity
- PHTLS Instructors meeting July 7th to finalize 2nd Trimester EMS training
- Chief Goodrich signed the P&I Risk Reduction During Epidemic and Pandemic Emergencies
- The update to the Controlled Substances P&I was signed by Chief Goodrich
- Narcotics Officer CMO Poggi on leave; CMO Crotty acting NO until July 6th, 2006
- The update to the Infection Control Program P&I is completed and in review
- AFD/DHHS transfer of the CSP contract
- Per CMO Bushue the transfer is going along well – both departments working good together
- A Revivant AutoPulse is being donated by the Fireman’s Fund/Alaska USA FCU
- AutoPulses - Per CMO Crotty AFD is looking into the AHA upgrades to the devices
- AutoPulse and EZ-IO demonstrations completed at Providence Alaska Medical Center’s ED in-service meetings
 - o Dr. Brodsky reports an AutoPulse was purchased by the Alaska Native Medical Center for use in the ED
 - o Providence Alaska Medical Center and Alaska Regional Hospital at this time are not looking to purchase the AutoPulses
- Chief Goodrich commented:
 - o Hats off to all the CMO’s for their hard work on the recent and ongoing policies and projects
 - o It was stated by a visiting paramedic from the Houston Fire Department that he doesn’t know of any other department as progressive as the AFD with their EMS program
 - o We may not be on top, but we are up there

- EMS safety issue: A paramedic suffered a hand injury from the CPR Seat Shelf coming loose from its bracket and slamming down
 - o The AFD Safety Committee addressed this issue and DC Threadgill requested CMO Scheunemann to conduct an online survey on www.afdems.net to determine if AFD paramedics want the shelves retained in the MICUs
 - o The survey will end July 1st, 2006
 - o If the paramedics want the shelves retained, the Shop will be installing safer locks for the shelves
- ALS Internships underway
 - o One paramedic has been released to the Line
 - o Eight more paramedics currently undergoing internships on all three shifts

Medical Director's Report - Michael Levy, MD

- Dr. Levy on leave – no report
- Barb Simonsen inquired into the status of the TBI Airway Protocol
 - o FOA Perry emailed out letter from Dr. Levy to all Board members
 - Letter received after May board meeting, Dr. Levy stated he would be available to all hospitals
 - CMO Scheunemann will have FOA Perry email the MOM protocol memo to the Board members

Training - Pat Vincent, FTS

- Pat Vincent on leave – no report

AFD EMS QI Report to MAB - Frank Nolan, CMO, for Soren Threadgill, Deputy Chief of EMS

#2 [First response (call received @ AFD dispatch) to at code red patient within 6 minutes]

- Improving for the last four months, still not meeting the set goal

#3 [ALS (call received @ AFD dispatch) to a code red patient within 8 minutes and 6 minutes]

- Remained flat for May

#4 (MICU response (call received @ AFD dispatch) to at code red patient within 8 minutes)

- Barb Simonsen still have concerns that #3 and #4's data is the same
- CMO Nolan reports Walter Yankauskas at AFD Data Systems has fixed the scripting error with this month's data
- Barb Simonsen asked if we can do a different type of breakdown
 - o Breakdown by area of town by August
 - o Station Response Areas (13 to 14 areas)

#5, 6, and 7 (Customer Satisfaction)

- Still don't have enough customer satisfaction data to date
 - o CMO Scheunemann commented on the need to revisit the cards

- CMO Crotty will follow up on this and commented we are in need of a new production of cards

#10 (Oxygen saturation of 88% achieved after effective interventions for respiratory arrest victim)

- Showing improvement; 100% in achievement and documentation for May
- Municipal Manager LeBlanc commented there should be two sets of metrics for Girdwood and Chugiak VFDs, one for their immediate response areas and one for outside the response areas
- Barb Simonsen commented both Girdwood and Chugiak VFDs should be sending the data in for their response times

NEW BUSINESS

None

CALLS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Reminder: The July 25th, 2006 MAB meeting is cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 A.M. by Barb Simonsen

Minutes submitted by Avonda Perry, FOA, EMS Ops