

JOINT CITY/COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Giese, Steve Doyle, Jerry Arndt, Mayor Matt Harter, Ron Paczkowski, Nancy Proctor, and Bruce Ranis
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tara Johnson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Dan Lenselink, Ken Manke and Dr. Eric Voter
OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, Bill Shepherd, Gregg Cleveland, Jim Klock, Tom Tornstrom, Jay Loeffler, Dan Lilly, and John Zahn

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Giese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Proctor/Arndt to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2010. **MOTION carried unanimously.** Johnson excused; Lenselink, Manke, and Voter absent.

UPDATE OF EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT (WILLIAM SHEPHERD).

Bill Shepherd presented the revised Emergency Ambulance Service Agreement made by the EMS Sub-committee. A few of the changes are as follows: "Transport" was taken out of the title so it will read "Agreement – Emergency Ambulance Services"; created Zones 1-4 versus 3 zones; response times were slightly changed; at this time there are no 'standards' for Zone 4 because of the variation and limited calls in that zone; in s. 4.5 – removed severe weather, mass casualty incident, road closures, road blockage, and gridlocks; in Article 10, removed "Measures" in title and sections 10.1.1 – 10.1.5 and created an Appendix A "Clinical Performance Measures"; and added paragraph 18.5 allowing the Commission and Tri-State the option of terminating the agreement at any time by agreement.

Suggested changes to section 18.6 were discussed to add language that "if there is a substantial change of circumstances then there can be renegotiations; if renegotiations are unsuccessful then upon 6 months notice either party can terminate". Shepherd will make the discussed changes and bring back to the next Commission meeting.

Shepherd highlighted several points regarding the Public Records Law and how it pertains to the Commission and Tri-State in the Agreement. Doyle suggested adding a sentence in section 15.5.5 indicating that "this section survives any termination in the contract". Shepherd will implement County's and Gundersen's proposed changes in the Agreement and present the changes to the next Commission meeting.

Shepherd mentioned that the Commission does not have every municipality present at these meetings and therefore there needs to be an intergovernmental agreement to invite all governmental entities to be a part of the Commission. Shepherd also indicated that each governmental entity would need to adopt a resolution to enact their membership in the Commission.

Doyle raised a question to Harter as to whether he foresees the City signing an intergovernmental agreement with the Commission. Harter indicated that it was unknown at this time. Doyle suggested that Harter speak with the City Council members within the next month to see what their point of view is with the Agreement and bring their opinion or decision to the next EMS Commission meeting. Harter stated that he will bring the question up to the City Council and return next month with their decision.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Review Revised Agreement
- Consideration and Possible Action on Agreement for Emergency Services and Tri-State Ambulance Inc.
- Discuss Next Steps – Possible Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement Templates for each Governmental Entity in La Crosse County.
- Agenda items to be determined.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 4:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Proctor/Harter to Adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused; Lenselink, Manke, and Voter absent. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Approved: May 26, 2010 Patti Jakowski, Recorder