

MINUTES
EMERGENCY CARE ADVISORY BOARD
JULY 21, 2010, 4:00 P.M.
AMARILLO CITY HALL
509 S.E. SEVENTH AVENUE
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBER

Members

Dr. Brian Eades	Amarillo City Commission
Dr. Darrell Morgan	Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Dr. Brian Barkley	Baptist St. Anthony's Health System
Craig Bryan	Amarillo Hospital District
Robert Saunders	American Medical Response, Inc.
Steve Ross	Fire Chief

Also Present

Dr. David French	Medical Director
Jarrett Atkinson	Deputy City Manager
Dean Frigo	Assistant City Manager of Finance
Monty Owens	Fire District Chief
Bill Risner	Fire Captain
Blair Harris	Management Analyst
Frances Hibbs	Assistant City Secretary

ITEM 1: Dr. Eades called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ITEM 2: Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on May 26, 2010. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 3: PowerPoint presentation by Blair Harris on AMR's June Response Times. There were over 2200 calls in the month of June. Of those 403 were Priority 1 calls and 1,275 were Priority 2 and 3 calls. Transfers from one medical facility to another totaled 538. The Response Time Standards are divided into three zones, North Zone, South Zone and Airport District. Overall the response times were compliant for Priority 1 - 90.8% of the time and for Priority 2 and 3 - 92.1% of the time. The AMS contract only requires 85% of the time.

ITEM 4: A. Chief Steve Ross presented an update of the Amarillo Fire Department Advanced Life Support Implementation. He introduced Monty Owens, Fire District Chief and Bill Risner Fire Captain. He thanked AMS for their support and equipment. Fire Station #10 protects the Airport but will stabilize patients until AMS arrives for transport. Captain Risner explained that they were right on target with their scheduled timeline, and that the Advanced Life Support (ALS) service should begin the first week of August. Robert Saunders stated there was no need to have an ambulance out there just waiting.

- B. Dr. French discussed the pre-hospital care operations and identified current areas of attention. He handed out an AMS/AFD report form which contains the trauma triage data that mobilizes with the patient and contains information about the patient as well as any meds administered or other pertinent information.

ITEM 5: Mr. Atkinson advised that the board could probably meet every other month. The next meeting schedule to be held on September 15, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Eades stated that the City's new AECC software, ProQA, which looks for standards for what determines the Priority, whether it be a 1, 2 or 3 and what separates them. He believed it should be put on a future agenda to be reviewed with the ECAB Committee.

Dr. French commented he would like to see on a future agenda, alternatives if EMS could do some kind of follow-up with patients who might call for an ambulance unnecessarily, and spend time taking care of the sickest persons, which is perhaps 25% of the calls. To look at alternatives for EMS to do follow-ups or perhaps have a list of resources available.

Dr. Morgan stated people do call for an ambulance because they do not have a ride to get medicine refilled or for a minor non-emergency situation.

Robert Saunders invited everyone in attendance to AMS' Open House which will be on August 19, 2010. The offices will be moving from Mockingbird Lane to the Tradewinds area.

ITEM 6: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Brian Eades, Chairman