

Ambulance Service Board

Your Local Fire Departments

"Working on Your Behalf"

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Large Participating Local Governments (2017- 2020)

Spokane Valley Fire Department

Fire District #8

Fire District #9

Fire District #4

(Five PLG voting members needed for a quorum)

Other Participating Local Governments:

Fire District #5

Medical Lake Fire Department

Small Participating Local Governments (2018 - 2020)

Cheney Fire Department – Tom Jenkins – ASB Chair

Airway Height Fire Department

Fire District #3

Fire District #10

Fire District #11

Fire District #13

ASB Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 12, 2020

1330 – 1530

SVFD Administration Building (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Present

Tom Jenkins, Cody Rohrbach, Tim O'Brien, Ken Johnson, and Patty Ruggiero
Tony Nielsen, Gino Palomino, Darren Brieher, and Paul Priest attended via Skype.

Called to order at 1332.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Correction (EPI nasal spray) and Approval of the ASB Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2019

Motion to Approve: Cody Rohrbach

2nd Motion: Tim O'Brien

AYE-approved

Agenda

New Business

- **2020 Budget**

- Chief Tim O'Brien presented the 2020 Budget; the dates were the only changes from last year's budget.

Motion to Approve: Tony Nielsen

2nd Motion: Cody Rohrbach

AYE-approved

- **Quality Assurance for Ambulance Service Contractors**

- Washington SSB 6534 - Creating an ambulance transport quality assurance fee
 - “ ‘Annual quality assurance fee rate’ means the quality assurance fee per emergency ambulance transport during each applicable state fiscal year assessed on each ambulance transport provider subject to the fee.” For Medicaid patients only.
 - This came from Washington Ambulance Association (WAA).
 - Passed in Senate 64-34
- Tom asked if this affects AMR?
 - Paul advised it does affect them; at the end of the year self-imposed fees are Federal match which does not affect the State budget. They haven’t had an increase in Medicaid since 2006 which at the time, was only a 2% adjustment. Washington State is one of the lowest payers to fund that the Medicaid program; which in Spokane is about 30% of their trips. The WAA along with Paul & Darren met with 45 Senators and members of House; it just passed Ways and Means today.

Old Business

- **Return of PLG Personnel from Hospitals**

- Using Lyft; same practice as before.
 - The rider contacts AMR Dispatcher direct.
 - AMR Dispatcher gives Lyft driver the rider’s telephone number.
 - The person arranging the ride needs to be specific in where they will be waiting for the ride and remain at that location (i.e. Ambulance entrance or ED or Patient Entrance of ED etc.). However, as an added layer of protections, the Lyft driver should call the rider before they leave if they are unable to locate.
 - The contract says an individual will be returned within 30 minutes.
 - Not generally that long of a wait; Lyft is usually 10-15 minutes out if their system is busy.

- **RX Cost Increase**

- Darren said they haven’t had a huge increase
- Ask for AMR pricing through AMR contract for durable goods such as Stryker products.
 - Agency will work with their Rep, determine what exact product they need, their rep will submit to AMR, AMR will order it and when it arrives the agency will pay AMR for it at the AMR Contract price and receive their equipment.
- EPI pens are significantly more expensive; the vendor won’t sell in smaller quantities.
- Paul said they can do a swap with the Departments for the medication that is closer to the expiration date since AMR uses it more often so the Departments’ meds last longer. As an example...If the med. expiration date is a couple months out, AMR could swap it for meds with an 8 month expiration date
- Ken Johnson asked about any purchasing from AMR, Paul relayed AMR is held to the same quantity standards as all the PLG’s are.
- Paul suggested the Agencies form a GPO; they could buy meds and divide the cost for the amount each Agency needs; all small PLGs would probably be interested.

Action Items:

Tony Nielsen will check into buying meds and dividing cost between the Agencies.

Tom Jenkins will check with other Agencies in the County to see if they are interested in a group policy to purchase as either a County Group or through AMR.

AMR stated each agency can contact Kyle to find out AMR pricing on items to compare to their pricing when going through a bid process for those that are required to do so.

Round Table - Open Forum

AMR – Paul Priest

- There are two versions of the Coronavirus; recommend surgical masks on the patients, N-95 level mask protection on the providers & circulate air in the back of the rig. Paul also noted that that is today's here and now standard and that CDC recommendations are subject to change as the virus changes or more knowledge is gained.

Cheney – Tom Jenkins

- Tom Jenkins said ESO incorporated an influenza screening questionnaire into their EPCR; flu-like symptoms, if they traveled, where?

District 3 – Cody Rohrbach

- Nothing

District 4 – Gino Palomino

- Nothing

District 8 – Tony Nielsen

- Nothing

District 10 – Ken Johnson

- Nothing

SVFD – Tim O'Brien

- Nothing

Motion to Adjourn: Tony Nielsen
2nd Motion: Cody Rohrbach
AYE-approved

Adjournment 1415

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 13:30 – 15:30

SVFD Administration Building (2nd Floor Conference Room) or by Skype