

JOINT CITY/COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Giese, Steve Doyle, Mayor Matt Harter, Tara Johnson, Ken Manke, Ron Paczkowski, Nancy Proctor, Dr. Eric Voter

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bruce Ranis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Arndt, Dr. Dan Lenselink,

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Shepherd, Gregg Cleveland, Jim Klock, Jay Loeffler, Vicki Burke, Tom Tornstrom, Julie Smith, Samantha Marcus

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Giese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. /Roll Call

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Proctor/Doyle to approve the meeting minutes of April 28, 2010 **MOTION passed unanimously.** Ranis excused; Arndt, Lenselink absent.

REVIEW REVISED AGREEMENT – WILLIAM SHEPHERD

Bill Shepherd presented the revised Emergency Ambulance Service Agreement made by the EMS Sub-committee. Changes are as follows: Page 1. effective date changed from "January 1st" to "July 1st"; the 4th WHEREAS "provide" changed to "contract for"; Page 2, Zones – capitalization of Village and Town; Article 2.2 – "the Commission" changed to "either party and "Tri-Sate" changed to the "breaching party"; Article 3.6 - insertion of any "reasonable" time and changed wording of "audit" to "financial" report; Article 4.11 – change from "opportunity to renegotiate the terms of this Agreement with the Commission" to "right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Articles 18 and 19"; Article 5.3 - remove "Tri-State shall furthermore submit to such other examinations of ambulances and related equipment as may be required by the Commission."; Article 14.1 – add "Tri-State shall retain all income for emergency ambulance service".

There was discussion on Article 14.2 – the striking of "The Commission shall annually review the patient service fee rate structure". **Motion** by Doyle/Proctor moved for approval of the contract. **Motion** by Doyle/Paczkowski to amend 14.2 to reinstate the provision "The Commission shall annually receive the patient service fee rate structure." **MOTION passed unanimously.** Ranis excused; Arndt, Lenselink absent.

Steve Doyle questioned Tri-State on the comparison of the information received from a financial report vs. an audit. Jim Klock explained the information would be the same but would be un-audited.

Regarding Section 15.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - The Public Records Section was discussed and the verbiage agreed upon. The Commission is not the custodian of the records therefore neither the Commission nor the members are held with any liability.

Shepherd continued with Articles 18 and 19 which were previously discussed. Article 18.6 and Article 19 Dispute Resolution - containing 19.1, 19.1.1, 19.1.2. If there is no resolution to a dispute, either party can terminate the agreement by a 180 day written notice to the other party. Language was agreed upon.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TRI-STATE AMBULANCE INC.

Steve Doyle instructed there was a motion passed to accept the amendments in Item #3. **Motion** to accept the Agreement for Emergency Services with Tri- State Ambulance, with changes as presented. **MOTION passed unanimously.** Ranis excused; Arndt, Lenselink absent.

NEXT STEPS - POSSIBLE RESOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TEMPLATES FOR EACH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN LA CROSSE COUNTY.

Tom Tornstrom pointed out there has been extensive time put into this contract and asked Mayor Harter if the City Council would be in favor of this Agreement. The Mayor indicated there have been no complaints regarding the service Tri-State has provided in the past and will continue in the future and if things go as fine as they are, there would be no reason in signing a long term agreement. Both Doyle and Johnson pointed out the intent of the Commission was to see the City Councils of La Crosse and Onalaska ratify the agreement with the final step being to confirm this at the Municipal level. Mayor Giese advised the spirit of the agreement does require ratification at the individual governmental entities because of the sovereign nation of the entities. Doyle asked Mayor Harter if there was anything about the Agreement the City Council would have a problem and if the Mayor was willing to bring the contract to the City Council. Mayor Harter said it is a good contract and he appreciated the opportunity to provide input. He said in the past the County had the contract and has provided good service and he foresees that to continue to happen in the future. Mayor Giese suggested, rather than ask for a response selectively, the Chair be authorized to send a letter to the Municipalities with a copy of the Agreement requesting adoption of a resolution in support. Bill Shepherd pointed out the Village of Bangor is not listed as having an agreement with another provider and requested that be changed, which was agreed.

Motion by Paczkowski/Johnson to authorize the Chairman of the Commission to send the contract to all governmental entities and ask their action on ratifying the contract. **MOTION passed unanimously.** Ranis excused; Arndt, Lenselink absent.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Mayor Giese, Steve Doyle, Steve O'Malley and Jay Loeffler work on creating a work plan and determine meeting schedule.
- Report of response times throughout the County.
- Independent Oversight Entity.
- Other Agenda items to be determined.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Proctor/Paczkowski to Adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Approved 8/25/2010, Patti Jakowski, Recorder