

Bonner County EMS Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
Bonner County Administration Building
1500 Hwy 2, Ste. 338, Sandpoint, ID 83864

Does anyone present need assistance to hear, see or participate in these proceedings?
Members Present: Jeff Lindsey, Marian Martin, Dr. Ronald Jenkins, Gavin Gilcrease
Members Absent: Alan Brinkmeier, Douglas Dixon, Tyler Armitstead
Others Present: Commissioner Luke Omodt,

1) Call Meeting to Order

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Public Comment –

4) Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2023

Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes from April 19, 2023. Gavin Seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

5) New Business -

Data Metrics – Chief Lindsey reviewed the list of metrics with the committee. TSE, Operational, Clinical. All in all, the EMS metrics are good. See attached.

New Narc Program – Chief Lindsey and Deputy Chief Brinkmeier gave a brief overview of the program.

POCUS Pilot Program – A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the POCUS (Point-of-Care) Pilot Program and training. BCEMS currently has one unit for the pilot program. The desire is to have one unit per frontline ambulance. Each unit is approximately \$4,000 with an approximate \$100 yearly update charge. BCEMS is the first agency in the state of Idaho to be approved for this program.

AHA (American Heart Association) EMS Designation – Capt. Armitstead stated that the AHA EMS Designation is similar to the TSE Designation, but it is from the American Heart Association. We meet the basic criteria; we just need to submit the documentation.

6) Old Business –

TSE (Time Sensitive Emergencies) Designation – stated that BCEMS was able to hit all the benchmarks that the state has set. BCEMS is one of four agencies that have received this designation.

Station 5 (Building Update) The Blanchard lease has been drafted. Chief Lindsey will be looking at the lease. The staff is already hired, the ambulance is ready to go, just need the building and trying to get that spot secured. Once station 5 comes online, the Spirit Lake contract will be void. It will be a mutual aid agreement at that point. Kootenai County will no longer be servicing Bonner County with their EMS.

EMS Sustainability Task Force (Focus Assessment due 10/20) A focus assessment for all EMS in Bonner County was completed. Chief Lindsey is currently reviewing the draft. The EMS bureau will send it elected officials when it is ready.

Dr Huntsberger Vacancy

Dr. Huntsberger left in June. He recommended Dr. Dixon. Dr. Huntsberger passed on a lot of good things, saying that Dr. Dixon would be a good fit. Jeff agrees.

Jeff made a motion to add Dr. Douglas Dixon to the Bonner County EMS Advisory Board. Marian Martin seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

Comments:

Dr. Jenkins – Current staff is excellent, works together. There have been more progressive steps with a lot of positive energy in clinical meetings. Dr. Jenkins gives an example of resuscitation and how important time is when it comes response time in emergencies.

Commissioner Omodt asked what was needed from the board and asked what the EMS personnel stats were. Chief Lindsey responded that EMS full-time staff is fully staffed. They do have a few part-time positions that need to be filled, however, they have some candidates they are hoping to fill those with.

Dr. Jenkins stated that GIS is putting together an AD placement app for EMS and 911. AD in the right spot at the right time can save a life. He would also like the board to reconsider a community class for CPR.

An update on Station 1 was requested. Commissioner Omodt responded that the station is on time and on budget. We should be moving in in the Fall of 2024.

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BCEMS 2023 Second Quarter Metrics

TSE Metrics

Cardiac

Scene arrival to 12 lead – Average 5:25 (Goal <10 min 100% compliance)

Scene Time to ASA- 4:16 (Goal <10 min, 100% compliance)

Scene time – Average 14:21 (Goal <15 min)

ROSC Rate – 29% (workable arrests)

Trauma

Scene time – Average 9:03 (goal <10 minutes)

Stroke

Scene time – Average 11:20 (Goal <15 minutes)

Operational Metrics

Chute Times – April 1st – June 30th 977 calls responded to with an average of 1.28 min Chute Time.

Response Time – April 1st – June 30th 960 calls arrived on scene with an average of 13.24 minutes.

Clinical Metrics

IV Success Rates – 77% (446 attempts)

Advanced Airway Success Rate –

- First Pass – 4/4, 100%