

Bonner County EMS Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2024 – 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, Alan Brinkmeier, Gavin Gilcrease, Douglas Dixon, Dr. Ronald Jenkins, Janine Shepard - Zoom

Members Absent: Ashlie Blackwell-Farley

Others Present: Commissioners Williams and Korn

Jeff opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Gavin made a motion to accept the minutes from April 17, 2024. Marian seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

New Business – Action Items

Board Membership – Expiring Terms

- All members on two-year terms, advertised in the paper on 10/11, 10/18, and 10/25 with deadline of 5:00 pm 10/31. Helpful to have medical representation, submit LOI's. Brief discussion on moving forward after applications are received. Discussion on why the advisory board came back into play as well as the need/frequency/duration of meetings.

Safe Haven Baby Box – EMS Station 1

- Brought up by Janine, no cost to County, legalities, how it works, will be on next week's agenda. If approved, it will take time for training etc. Would be the second in Idaho. Brief discussion followed including pros/cons, location, and the process if/when the baby box is used.

FY25 Budget Conservation Measures

- Briefly discussed running way over on budget FY24. Discussion on how to cut down on OT, staffing (current/min) needs/requirements. A lot of cash flow was tied up with the new building. Discussed utility cost share of new building. Overall, it is a savings to taxpayers.

Second/Third Quarter Data Metrics (Chief Lindsey)

- Attached. Jeff discussed metrics and would like to potentially discuss a case at the meeting/future meetings. A lot of implementations by EMS and new technology (Lucas Device) have helped improve metrics, especially in cardiac incidents. Brief discussion on Lucas Devices within the County. Discussed training to help with IV success metrics. Improvement on the advanced airway success rate.

New Online Training Platform (Foamfrat)

- This training platform has all of the CEUs needed to ensure all requirements are met for CCT.

Critical Care Paramedics (CCT-Medic)

- Currently 3 on for each shift, would like to increase that number.

County Skills Assessment – Credentialing

- Dr. Jenkins does the credentialing; making this part of training for all providers in the County.

Non-licensed Responders

- There have been some issues at Priest Lake. Some of the fire districts want to attend all calls, but not EMS providers/credentials. There have been discussions with the fire chiefs up there regarding some of the issues.

Old Business

County EMS Protocol Platform Change

- Brief discussion on how to download protocol without being able to have added to a cloud.

POCUS – Update

- Cpt. Umland presented all the hard work done to the State. Can run this as the medical director sees fit. This takes out the guesswork during critical treatment.

Medical Supervision Plan (MSP) Revisions

- This was sent out to all. The only real change was a name change.

Briefly discussed a case on the mountain, cause of cardiac arrest and medication that was used during treatment. Positive outcome. Example of changes made in protocols etc.

Brief discussion on giving kudos to employees during Tuesday's public comment.

Adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Clerk: Alisa Schoeffel



Approved by

11/15/25
Date