

**AUSTIN – TRAVIS COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, August 4, 2010**



**The Austin – Travis County EMS Advisory Board convened on August 4, 2010, 15 Waller Street, in Austin, Texas at 9:30 a.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance: Susan Pascoe, Bob Taylor, Donald Patrick, Paula Barr, Stephen Wilson, Paul Carrozza, Hector Gonzales, Mark Clayton**

**Board Members Absent: Carlos Brown**

**Other Attendees: Ernesto Rodriguez, Vivian Holmes, John Ralston, Jasper Brown, Frank Urias, Keith Simpson, Patrick Murphy, Peter DiDonato, Teresa Gardner, James Hawley, Jeff Hayes, James Shamard, Rhoda Mae Kerr, Harry Evans, Karyl Kinsey, Gary Warren, Terry Browder, Jim Allday, Willy Culberson, Bob Moore, Loretta Farb, Wes Ogilvie**

**1. CALL TO ORDER –August 4, 2010**

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Wes Ogilvie – Concerned about nursing homes contacting ambulance franchises for life-threatening emergency transports instead of contacting 9-1-1.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the regular meeting of May 5, 2010 were approved on Board Member Barr's motion, Vice Chair Pascoe's second on a 7-0 vote (recusing Mr. Clayton).

**4. WELCOME NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER – MARK CLAYTON**

Board Taylor introduced new board member Mark Clayton. Mr. Clayton provided information on his background and is a Senior Vice-President for *St. David's Healthcare*.

**5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AND LETTER TO DR. CROCKER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE ADVISORY BOARD**

The motion to approve a letter that will be sent to Dr. Crocker was approved on Vice-Chair Pascoe's motion, Board Member Gonzales' second on an 8-0 vote.

## **6. FLIGHT UPDATE; CAMTS CERTIFICATION, ETC.; MEASUREMENTS USED TO MONITOR OPERATIONS**

STAR Flight personnel, Mr. Jim Allday and Mr. Willy Culberson provided an update.

- Advised that a third helicopter has been received in their fleet.
- CAMTS Accreditation areas of concerns have been addressed.
- STAR Flight Statistics were presented by Mr. Allday.

## **7. Update on System Strategy Development**

Dr. Hinchey provided an update.

- Discussed focus of Office of the Medical Director's focus
- COG changes/process
  - Testing all 2300 providers during October and November, 2010
  - Anticipated start date is January 6, 2011
  - Document review/revision will be complete in July 2011

## **8. PROCESS UPDATE ON DATA COLLECTIONS FROM FIRST RESPONDER AGENCIES**

Director Rodriguez provided a briefing and Mr. Patrick Murphy discussed current ePCR status.

## **9. UPDATE ON CITY AND COUNTY BUDGETS**

- The City's budget was reviewed Mr. John Ralston which included discussion about Harris Glenn, Harris Ridge and Avery Ranch areas. ATCEMS was approved to receive thirty paramedic positions; however the additional demand unit for downtown was not approved.
- The Travis County budget was reviewed by Danny Hobby. Original \$3 million request was reduced to \$2 million. He is requesting a 12/7 unit in the SW area and a 12/7 demand unit near Pflugerville.
- Director Rodriguez discussed general fund dollars and Mr. Hobby agreed that having an enterprise fund would allow flexibility to use dollars directly for EMS.

## **10. BRIEF OVERVIEW ON PURPOSE OF TC PRE-HOSPITAL CARE STUDY**

Mr. Hobby discussed his development of an RFP and his intent which was not to break away from the City, but to look at best practices. He noted that response times are improving in the County, but they could get better. Mr. Hobby decided to cancel the RFP and is looking for support from everyone in the system.

## **11. UPDATE ON 9-1-1 CALL RECEIVE PROCESS**

Mr. Frank Urias presented the report on looking at how long a call is held in 9-1-1 before it is sent to EMS dispatch.

## **12. RECEIVE REPORT AND DISCUSS LATEST QUARTER'S STATISTICS**

Mr. Shamard reviewed reports for FY10-3<sup>rd</sup> QTR.

## **13. ADJOURN**

Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m., without objection.