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MINUTES OF EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD MEETING 4/8/08

Members in attendance:

Ed McLellan, Chairman

Brad Frantz, Co-chair

Sonny Vincent

John Frank

Terry Spear

Guests:

Dr. Rick Perry

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman McLellan, who began by welcoming and introducing Lou Battistella to the Board.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Sonny Vincent and seconded by Brad Frantz to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **The RFP/MOU was signed by both squads and is now in place, and is working relatively smoothly, although coordination of scheduling must improve. It was emphasized that all issues involving volunteer/paid cooperation must be channeled through the ESB.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ed McLellan suggested that we do a six-month review of the response times of the Rescue Squads when staffed with paid personnel and when volunteer staffed only.**
- **Dr. Perry requested that any issues or incidents that could adversely affect patient care be directed to him for review.**
- **Dr. Perry stressed the need for moving forward with QA/QI initiatives, including formalizing a Medical Review Committee. Discussion ensued regarding pending reviews with two separate incidents involving Northern Rescue volunteer personnel. There also needs to be clarity regarding the legal roles and responsibilities of the ESB, the EMS Council and the Jurisdictional Medical Director and the coordination between them.**
- **Terry Spear gave a report of Emergency Services Division activities**
- **There was also considerable discussion on the recent edict from MIEMSS regarding the Trauma Decision Tree, which is problematic in Garrett County. The ESB, EMS Council and Jurisdictional Medical Director should coordinate efforts to revise this plan as**

appropriate to the local situation and that some latitude needs to remain with the field provider when the situation warrants.

- LOSAP was discussed and it was reported that \$400,000 is currently in place for the program, but eligibility criteria needs to be finalized before an actuarial study can be done. New members of the ESB will be afforded the time to review existing documents for further discussion at the next meeting. Emergency Services staff will request updated information from Fire and EMS companies.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.