



Garrett County Emergency Services Board 2006-2008

Emergency Services Board
Minutes 6/17/08

Members in Attendance:

Ed McLellan, Chairman
John Frank
Sonny Vincent
Sharon Paugh
Lou Battistella
Dave Betz
Brad Frantz

Guests:

Monty Pagenhardt
Wendy Yoder
Dr. Rick Perry
Bill Hardy

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman McLellan, who called for the meeting to go into executive session to discuss personnel and benefit issues.

After some discussion of LOSAP criteria and alternatives, a motion was made by Dave Betz to accept the draft LOSAP proposal as the working document. The motion was amended to initiate the LOSAP benefits effective July 1, 2008. The motion was seconded by John Frank and carried by a 6-1 vote. The LOSAP will be reviewed with the County Commissioners with a request to proceed.

There was discussion regarding two separate medical review cases, an update on action taken, and how to proceed with each.

John Frank introduced a conceptual plan to establish a Quality Assurance Sub-Committee that would review future issues and report to the ESB and to Dr. Perry, jurisdictional Medical Director.

Bill Hardy presented a historical perspective on the medical review process and guidelines and made suggestions regarding our implementation of the quality assurance program.

The meeting went out of Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction. Motion to accept as corrected made by Lou Battistella and seconded by Sonny Vincent.

Chairman McLellan requested that Brad provide statistical data on response times at the next meeting.

There was discussion on the legislative issues that must be resolved to give the Emergency Services Board appropriate authority consistent with SWOT



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recommendations and COMAR Title 30 regulations. Brad made a motion to have Chairman McLellan request a joint meeting with Senator Edwards, Delegate Beitzel, the County Commissioners and the ESB to discuss this legislative proposal. Motion was seconded by Sharon Paugh and passed unanimously.

Lou inquired about status at Reliant Energy Corp-Brad advised that appropriate forms had been provided to all Fire and EMS.

NEW BUSINESS

John Frank requested consideration of the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee and recommended that he would serve on the sub-committee along with Jeff Hinebaugh, Steve Smith, and Brad Frantz. Lou Battistella made a motion and Sonny Vincent seconded to accept the proposal. The motion carried.

Brad Frantz advised that the Public Safety web-site (www.garrettcountry.org/publicsafety) had been updated, including the addition of minutes of previous ESB meetings.

Brad presented a draft letter from Phil Rook that he requested to be sent out from the ESB to EMS and Fire Companies regarding ambulance inspections. Brad made a motion to send a letter (Draft attached) from the ESB; John Frank seconded and the motion carried.

John Frank and Lou Battistella updated the Board on the donation of funds to purchase Automatic External Defibrillators (A.E.D's) from the Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association to the Sheriff's Department and the issue with the vendor and the F.D.A. Brad motioned to draft a letter of support from the ESB to the F.D.A.

Brad reported on the Emergency Services Club and the formation of a similar club at Northern High School. Jeff Beitzel has agreed to coordinate the club through his class.

With no further business, Sharon Paugh moved to adjourn; Lou Battistella seconded.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 29th at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room.

Brad Frantz, Director
Garrett County Department of Public Safety