

Cass County EMS Board

12/14/2022 CCEMS Board Meeting

Present: Ed Schroder, Mike Deitrich, Dave Morris, Rick Bair, Brent Ahrens, Attorney Brooks Ledger

Absent: Ryan Browning, Brian Reed

Minutes: No minutes present

Directors Report:

Director submitted the year end budget. (See attachment) The non reverting fund balance is at \$872,000.00. He also reported that 115,000.00 was used to purchase the ambulance to replace the ambulance that was totaled in an accident. The insurance will cover the cost but the money will have to be placed in to the AAR funds because that is where the funds were used to make the purchase. He also reported that billing reimbursements have picked up towards the end of the year. Soft collections have returned \$6,000.00 but it is very early on since they must age out to 180 days before the collections can begin.

The following are completed projects he reported on:

1. Hospital affiliation complete as of Aug 1 with IU Arnett
2. Narcotic process completed Aug 1 requirements have been met Brady gets meds once a month from White County Pharmacy
3. 6 medic students are going through class 5 full time and 1 part time
4. Priority 1 transfer agreement has been worked on by attorney and Brady it has been signed by commissioners and LMH
5. About 1 transfer a month is being done
6. Updated in July Policy and Procedures
7. Purchased the used ambulance the coolant leak was a hose clamp its in service and working out well
8. Uniforms are rebranded and working on rebranding the truck
9. Trainings are continuing
10. Fully staffed with the 2023 budget and salaries complete. The Director would like to have as many part time staff as they can get. A new attendance policy is in place occurrences are 1-2 call off nothing 3rd is a write up 4th suspension 5th termination. Missed days fall off at anniversary of missed day. Part time required to work 12 hr shift per month.
11. The 2nd policy update is with specialty patients level 1 or 2 trauma gets transferred to the appropriate trauma center. Trying to fly level 1 and 2 trauma if available if not the patient will be transferred by ground.

Director then made mention that Dec 15 is the 1 year anniversary and he is really pleased with how everything is going.

Mike D asked both Brent Ahrens and Rick Bair how things are going Rick Bair is very happy with how everthing. Brent spoke highly of the service. Ed Schroder said he has no complaints. He is also allowing the service to use the wash bay to wash their trucks.

Old Business

NA

New Business

Mike Deitrich asked what goals the Director would like to work on in the next year. The Director said that he would like to see the purchase demo truck in 2024 The truck would be customized to us and then we would purchase it in 2024. A new ambulance is 2.5 years out if we ordered today.

His other goal would like to see discussions on a new EMS station.

Mike Deitrich feels that we need to plan a new station and we need to begin working on the plans

Members feel that having quarterly meetings would be sufficient in 2024. Ed Schroder made a motion to meet the second Wednesday of the last month of the quarter of the year at 1800. (March 8, June 14, September 13, December 13. This motion was Second by Brent Ahrens. Motion carries 5-0

Rick Bair asked if the board had any input on the salaries. He was told that the board had no input in this.

Public comments

David Redweik asked how many ambulances are in service? 3 full 1 back up. He then Suggested that the board makes plans to order a new one if it will be 2025 to receive one.

Asst. Director said her major goal is to focus more on quality of care with the staff.

Motion to adjourn: Mike Deitrch and Brent Brent Ahrens.