

MINUTES  
EMERGENCY CARE ADVISORY BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010, 4:30 P.M.  
AMARILLO CITY HALL  
509 S.E. SEVENTH AVENUE  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBER

Members

Dr. Brian Eades	Amarillo City Commission
Dr. Darrell Morgan	Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Dr. Brian Barkley	Baptist St. Anthony's Health System
Craig Bryan	Amarillo Hospital District
Robert Saunders	American Medical Response, Inc.
Steve Ross	Fire Chief

Also Present

Dr. David French	Medical Director
Jarrett Atkinson	Deputy City Manager
Dean Frigo	Assistant City Manager of Finance
Monty Owens	Fire District Chief
Bill Risner	Fire Captain
Blair Harris	Management Analyst
Frances Hibbs	Assistant City Secretary

ITEM 1: Dr. Eades called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ITEM 2: Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on July 21, 2010. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 3: PowerPoint presentation by Blair Harris on AMR's July and August Response Times. July had 2,272 calls. Of those 389 were Priority 1 calls and 1,165 were Priority 2 and 3 calls. Transfers from one medical facility to another totaled 563. The Overall Response Time Standards were compliant for Priority 1 – 91.8% of the time and for Priority 2 and 3 – 94.2% of the time. AMS exceed the goal of 85%.

August received 2,166 calls. Of those 470 were Priority 1 calls and 1,029 were Priority 2 and 3 calls. Transfers from one medical facility to another totaled 536. The Overall Response Time Standards were compliant for Priority 1 – 90.6% of the time and for Priority 2 and 3 – 91.4% of the time. Again, AMS exceed the target of 85%.

ITEM 4: A. Dr. Morgan stated that he would like to see more coordination with the City for a rapid notification in launching the LifeStar helicopter in the rural areas and areas outside the city limits of Potter and Randall Counties.

Dr. French responded that there were several reasons including safety concerns and additional expense in launching LifeStar. However, the services they provide include the rapid transportation, interventions for airways, critical care and system capacity. If even one of these criteria are met it would justify the launching.

Mr. Atkinson interjected that maybe by the next ECAB meeting some discussion could take place with AECC concerning launching LifeStar. The original concern was that their radios separated the two agencies.

Dr. Morgan stated that they had some FEMA monies to purchase additional radios if needed.

Monty Owens stated that the LifeStar has previously offered training to Firefighters and First Responders.

- B. Dr. French presented proposed modifications to the EMS dispatch protocols and priorities. Dr. Eades questioned the protocol for abdominal pain “not alert” being a Priority 2 and the difference with unconsciousness.

Robert Sanders stated that the EMS Expo was being held in Dallas September 27 through October 1 and AMR had one of its ambulances on display.

ITEM 5: The next meeting was scheduled for November 17, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

ITEM 6: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Dr. Brian Eades, Chairman