

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
NORTH FORK AMBULANCE HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Ambulance Health Service District located in the Counties of Delta, Montrose and Gunnison, Colorado, was held at 110 E. Hotchkiss Ave, Hotchkiss, Colorado, on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Kathy would like to add an engagement letter for attorney under new business.

ROLL CALL: Board members present – Dan Miller, Marcus Roeder, Bonnie Eisenberg, and Larry Hughes. Peter Pruett was excused.

Others present include: Kathy Steckel, Diane Perry, and Steve Simpson via Zoom.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: No conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the May 12, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed. Bonnie Eisenberg made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded. All present were in favor.

REPORTS:

FINANCE REPORT: Financials for May were presented and reviewed. Larry Hughes made a motion that the financials for May be approved as presented. The motion was seconded. All present were in favor.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS: Larry Hughes made a motion to approve the appropriations for May as presented. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

DISTRICT CHIEF REPORT: Kathy Steckel presented an overview of her report (see attached).

Everything in the administration and HR departments are running smoothly.

Crawford Pioneer Days is this weekend and the funds from the Melodrama/desert showing tonight will go to the SAIL program. After discussion with the crew, the Open House for the Crawford Station has been put off until July.

Kathy has been spending a lot of her time this month dealing with “super users”. This will be addressed further under new business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Review of the Audit has been postponed until the July meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Engagement Letter: Collins, Cockerel, Cole has reorganized and formed a new company, CEGR Law. Still have many of the same people we have dealt with and still have the most experience with Special Districts. Larry Hughes made a motion that we maintain this

relationship and authorize Kathy Steckel to sign the engagement letter. The motion was seconded. All present were in favor.

Lift Assists: Dan is very concerned with the number of calls we have been getting for things that are not real emergencies, lift assist calls and frequent visits to the same house. Should we be charging for these after say 6 visits in a month? what are our liabilities for these calls? How do these calls affect crew moral?

Kathy described how these calls work (come through dispatch and 911), how it is used and abused by certain clients (super users), and the types of things that are being asked of our crews once they respond to these calls –things that are technically outside of our protocols for emergency medicine. There was a lengthy discussion. Larry Hughes thinks we should fall back on our protocols and refuse to perform any services that are not medically necessary.

There needs to be consensus among the crew members about how to deal with these calls, so that everyone is being treated the same.

Dan would like to have Kathy talk to the attorneys about our liability in these situations, are we liable if we provide service, if we don't provide service, the crew has questions, Dan has questions and so does Kathy. She will contact CEGR tomorrow to try and get some answers to some of these questions.

On a related note, Kathy is wondering if we should continue with Courtesy Transports. These are mostly to and from the hospital, but could include trips to and from the clinic. At the moment, these trips are being funded 50/50 by Region 10 and NFAA, but Region 10 funding will stop July 1. Bonnie is now on the board of directors for Senior Connection. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month and Bonnie will bring this up at their meeting. It is a service that Senior Connection says they offer. Is there a way these request could be better coordinated?

This discussion of Lift assist calls will be added to the agenda under old business, so we can re-visit the issue regularly

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 11 am.

Shannon Currier, our accountant, will be here before the next board meeting to give a brief seminar on understanding financial statements. She will be here at 10:00 am July 14, 2022. All board members should come at 10:00!

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further matters before the board, Dan Miller made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.