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Meeting Minutes

AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD

Ald. Mark Borkowski, Chair

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Riccardo Colella, Dr. Robert Riepenhoff, Dr. Benjamin Weston,
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Monday, May 10, 2021

9:00 AM

VIRTUAL

1. Call to Order at 9:05 AM

2. Roll Call

Present 7 - Calvert, Colella, Borkowski, Riepenhoff, Fleming, Weston and Mirehouse

Present:

MHD Designee - Marlaina Jackson

Asst City Atty. - Tyrone St. Junior

Curtis Ambulance - Jim Baker & Dan Robakowski

Bell Ambulance - Chris Anderson & Wayne Jurecki

Atty Bryant Randall

Atty. Joshua Gimbel

3. Approval of minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting.

Moved by Mr. Fleming, seconded by Dr. Colella, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021. There were no objections.

4. Private provider report

Asst Chief Parish shared the most recent private provider report that was submitted at the last April 12 meeting. Now, including data from Midwest Medical through March, for their call volume and the percentage request unable to handle. One extra reporting tool including in the report is a table reflecting calls that MFD handles when providers are unable to respond.

Dr. Weston states that Curtis' numbers improved. Mr. Baker said that there were staffing issues in February and aggressive measures were taken to address these,

so numbers for March and April improved.

5. Near-term MFD inputs into the system

Chief Lipski introduced by saying that they have now include two Basic Life Support ambulance solely dedicated to handle those calls that private providers aren't able to handle.

Asst Chief Parish said that the MFD rally around city resources to be able to put into service two Basic Life Support ambulances starting on May 9th. These two ambulance vehicles are currently housed on the West and Northwest side In addition to some of the low acuity phone calls handled by MFD.

This new effort will be reviewed on a monthly basis to see if any additional adjustments or modification are needed.

Dr. Colella asked if these are going to be 24/7 units or will they be peak staffing flexing. Chief Lipski said that the staffing issue is in process; initially, these will be used on a 24/7 staffing model, however, moving forward MFD is interested in applying a peak staffing model.

Chief Lipski thanked Assistant Chief Parish and his team for absorbing, yet another outside pressure with seemingly limited resources with an extremely intelligent outlook towards the future.

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6. MFD medium-term solutions and discussion with private providers

Asst. Parish said that MFD is looking at the economics of the situation, by working with local educational partners to supplement the staff within the system. To reached out to High Schools students and colleges to collaborate in the training and education of their students to expose them to the Emergency Medical Training career. Another component to focused is the high utilizing population, realizing that the one that has been focused on for years, are the individuals that have entered the EMS through the Milwaukee Fire Department. looking at the individual types of low acuity calls into the system. This project is in collaboration with the medical direction OEM.

Dr. Colella asked about the QI of the 911 process or medically triaging calls. Asst Chief Parish said that how calls are triage will be one of the long-term intervention since it involves a lot more technology and strategic planning.

7. Long-term local investments in education, workforce and low acuity patients

Asst. Chief Parish said that MFD is looking into collaboration for recruitment and educational opportunities with Milwaukee Public School system, UWM Milwaukee, the Nursing programs through MSOE, Mount Mary University and Alverno College.

Possible funding sources to fund MFD EMT programs.

Non-emergency medical transport.

Technology changes/update on 911 calls and triage system.

8. Comments from Midwest Medical

Mr. Ed Matteson - Midwest Medical Transport LLC, offered their collaboration as they complete their notice period with the Fire Department.

9. Next meeting

Ald. Borkowski suggested that committee leaves open the scheduling of a future meeting, until further notice or as needed. There were no objections.

Dr. Colella asked that members receive monthly/quarter updates, in between meetings.

10. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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