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Meeting Minutes

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Monday, November 22, 2021

10:00 AM

VIRTUAL

1. Call to Order at 10:03 AM

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Calvert, Colella, Borkowski, Riepenhoff, Fleming and Weston

Other individuals present:

Atty. Gimbel - Bell

Chris Anderson - Bell

Jim Baker - Curtis

Jack McNally - ACA

Wayne Jurecki - Bell

Brandon Drazih (MCW - dr. Colella)

Doyle Simonson - Midwest Medical

Yolanda McGowan - Deputy CA

MFD Asst Chief Josh Parish

MFD Chief Aaron Lipski

MFD Deputy Chief EMTs Sharon Purifoy

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion by Dr. Calvert, seconded by Dr. Colella to approve prior meeting minutes of May and August 2021. There were no objections.

4. Private Provider Report

Asst Chief Parish said that from the last meeting, it was decided to extend the Private Provider reporting process to the calendar year. So, the reports presented extend a little bit on September, and continue through December of this year.

5. Private Provider Certification- Extension letter

Chief Lipski said that this letter recognizes the extreme, and changing circumstances that have occurred to date; to fill enormous gaps in the EMS system, working on new payment structures; and it requests the ambulance service board, the ability to extend the presence of Certification period to give MFD time to catch up with sorting details and paperwork.

Dr. Colella, seconded by Dr Calvert, moved to accept the request for extension.

6. Status update-Private Provider EMT cohort- Chief Purifoy-Smoots

Asst Chief Purifoy said that there are two private provider cohorts classes: one started November 1st, from monday to thursday from 9 to 1pm; 18 students attending. Second class started on November 6th, Saturday and Sunday from 9am - 5pm; 27 students enrolled, 22 showed up.

7. Status update on staffing with privates

Chief Parish said that currently, call back value has experience reduction. The approval of 2 BLS ambulance apparatus for the use of private providers to service more vulnerable population.

From private providers:

Mr. Jurecki said that although these measures may seem a bit unusual, it is working rather well, helping in solving current challenges.

Bell ambulance is dedicated to 9-1-1 calls, this has almost eliminated turn-backs.

Mr. Baker said that they are almost ready for some units to be up an running before thanksgiving.

8. Comments, discussion from private providers

Mr. Baker and Mr. Anderson are thankful for the new efforts MFD has offered to aide in the gaps city has faced.

9. Public Comments

Words of encouragement and appreciation were expressed by all members and participants, given the efforts put forth during these trying times.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39am

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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