

Community Paramedic Sub-committee  
Teleconference/BTWAN  
May 2, 2014  
Teleconference 1 PM-3PM  
MINUTES

Present – Ken Reed, Tom Nehring, Kelli Sears, Curt Halmrast, Lynn Hartman, Tim Meyer, Sherm Syverson, Ron Lawler, Darleen Bartz, Cheryl Rising, Connie Kalanek, Pat Hill, Karalee Harper, Mary Jagim, June Herman, Patricia Molten, Jan Franklund

Ken welcomed all to the meeting, each person on the call introduced themselves, and the meeting was called to order.

**Approval of meeting minutes from 2/24/2014 -**

- Lynn Hartman motioned to approve the minutes.
- Tim Meyer seconded.
- Minutes were approved.

There were four Community Paramedic Pilot Project Proposals submitted for approval. These proposals were emailed to sub-committee members prior to today's meeting for review.

- Rugby Emergency Medical Services
- FM Ambulance Services, Inc.
- Bowman Ambulance/Southwest Healthcare Services
- Billings County EMS

After discussion of the dollar amounts in the proposals, it was decided to take another vote on the proposals.

**Community Paramedic Pilot Project Proposal - Rugby EMS –**

Rugby EMS's proposal was discussed.

Ken answered all questions asked by sub-committee members.

There were no concerns with Rugby EMS.

Vote to accept Rugby EMS's Proposal –

12 Ayes – Lynn Hartman, Tom Nehring, Kelli Sears, Curt Halmrast, Cheryl Rising, Tim Meyer, Darleen Bartz, Connie Kalanek, Patricia Molten, Karalee Harper, Mary Jagim, June Herman

0 Nays

3 abstaining – Ken Reed, Sherm Syverson, Ron Lawler

**Community Paramedic Pilot Project Proposal - FM Ambulance –**

FM Ambulance's proposal was discussed.

FM Ambulance is concerned with their high percentage of volume for a low volume of patients.

Their primary objective is to reduce the amount of money they are losing by implementing a Community Paramedic Program.

FM is asking for one more Toughbook computer for creating data for patients.

Sherm answered all questions asked by sub-committee members.

There were no concerns with FM Ambulance.

Vote to accept FM Ambulance's Pilot Project Proposal –

11 Ayes – Lynn Hartman, Tom Nehring, Kelli Sears, Curt Halmrast, Cheryl Rising, Tim Meyer, Darleen Bartz, Connie Kalanek, Patricia Molten, Mary Jagim, June Herman

0 Nays

1 absent and not voting – Karalee Harper

3 abstaining - Ken Reed, Sherm Syverson, Ron Lawler

### **Community Paramedic Proposal Bowman Ambulance /Southwest Healthcare Services -**

After discussion of Bowman Ambulance/Southwest Healthcare Service's proposal , the sub-committee asked for the following clarification –

- Would like more information on coordination and collaboration
- The scope of the project needs more development
- The sub-committee felt the proposal does not have the meat it needs to be fully approved.

Ken said he will be spending time with them to help develop their program.

Question was asked if Bowman EMS Community Paramedics should need training for Behavioral/Mental Health issues they encounter, would funding be available? The answer is yes.

Vote to accept Bowman Ambulance/Southwest Healthcare Services's Pilot Project Proposal -

- A motion was made by Darleen Bartz to vote on partial approval at this time. After the two paramedics have completed their training, recommend the proposal be rewritten in more depth and submitted to the committee for full approval.
- Seconded by Cheryl Rising.
- Motion passed.

11 Ayes – Lynn Hartman, Tom Nehring, Kelli Sears, Curt Halmrast, Cheryl Rising, Tim Meyer, Darleen Bartz, Connie Kalanek, Patricia Molten, Mary Jagim, June Herman

0 Nays

1 absent and not voting – Karalee Harper

3 abstaining – Ken Reed, Sherm Syverson, Ron Lawler

### **Community Paramedic Proposal – Billings County EMS –**

This proposal was discussed and the sub-committee liked the fact that Public Health would be working together with Community Paramedics. This would be comprehensive representation by the four ambulance services.

The question was asked that since Billings County EMS is in partnership with the Southwestern District Health Unit, and if Southwestern District Health Unit does not get their grant, what affect would there be on Billings County EMS? The answer is Billings County EMS would need to cut back on the training of paramedics.

Vote to accept Billings County EMS's Pilot Project Proposal -

10 Ayes – Lynn Hartman, Tom Nehring, Kelli Sears, Cheryl Rising, Tim Meyer, Darleen Bartz, Connie Kalanek, Patricia Molton, Mary Jagim, June Herman

1 Nay – Curt Halmrast

1 absent and not voting – Karalee Harper

3 abstaining – Ken Reed, Sherm Syverson, Ron Lawler

**Other Business from Committee Members –**

Add the following to the agenda of the next EMSAC Committee Meeting for discussion –

- The need to draft legislative language to develop the Community Paramedic Program in Administrative Rules
- Discuss third party reimbursement.

**Next Subcommittee Meeting – TBA 30 – 60 days/Teleconference**

- Darleen Bartz motioned to adjourn.
- June Herman seconded.
- Meeting adjourned 2:30 pm