

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
DISTRICT BOARD OF AMBULANCE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2012
Bethlehem Town Hall
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar, NY 12054

Call to Order at 8:02PM

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman George Lenhardt (GHL),
Michael Dailey MD (MWD),
Terry Hannigan (TSH)

Approximately 10 other individuals representing Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Service (DVAS) and Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service (BVAS) were also present. Brian Wood from the Albany County Sheriff's Department and Supervisor John Clarkson were also present.

MOTION by TSH seconded by MWD to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting.

Commissioner	Dailey	AYE
Commissioner	Hannigan	AYE
Chairman	Lenhardt	AYE

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Kroll reported on DVAS "deliverables" as outlined in previous memo from MWD. A sampling of 583 calls produced the following results: 392 (67% of total calls) transports of which 146 were ALS transports; 110 were "cancelled" and 23 were RMA's from as advised by ACSD.

DVAS also advised that their independent audit was complete and was "clean".

NEW BUSINESS

1. The matter of ALS billing was raised and involved discussion by MWD, Steve Kroll and Brian Wood. On Medicare calls which appear to be the majority of calls, one bill is generated for both agencies. This is the plan in the works for ALS billing through the transporting agency's billing vendor. On Medicaid calls, the ACSD must bill on their own behalf. Brian Wood advises the ACSD is ready to proceed with ALS billing. The mutual aid issue and billing for transporting agencies outside of their operating area still needs to be addressed if the frequency of response suggests something more than traditional mutual aid.

2. MWD will address with Town Dispatch the implementation of ALS Dispatch protocols with the intent of exploring the suitability of charging for Paramedic assessments. The greater issue is the type of dispatch priority through emergency medical dispatch (EMD) recognized protocols. The current system of "Priority 1 & 2" is insufficient on a couple of levels; first in terms of level of sophistication of EMD dispatch and second, the inability to pursue Paramedic assessment fees.
3. MWD also raised the prospects of exploring either:
 - a. elevating transport agencies to ALS or
 - b. obtaining Town-wide CONfor billing simplicity. These are matters which will require a more detailed review and further discussion going forward.
4. The status of contracts was raised. There was concern that there was "money being left on the table" that could be recouped through implementation of revenue recovery as per the Board's initiative last Fall. TSH advised that K-1 still needed revision and that it would be completed for circulation in advance of next meeting. Plan was to promote contract before May 23, 2012 meeting of the Town Board. K-2 and K-3 were completed and presented in January. We have not reviewed K-4 billing vendor contract and request for K-4 was to be made to transporting agencies.

**Next Meeting May21, 2011 at 8:00 PM at Elsmere Firehouse
15 West Poplar Drive Delmar NY 12054**

MOTION to Adjourn by MWD , seconded by TSH

Commr. Dailey AYE
Commr. Hannigan AYE
Chair. Lenhardt AYE
Motion Carried

ADJOURN 10:17PM