

WESTERN PAYNE COUNTY AMBULANCE TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Stillwater Medical Center, 1st Floor Boardroom
January 15, 2025 12:00 p.m.

Present: Jerry Moeller, Elaine Ackerson, Harland Wells

Absent: Christa Louthan and Cassie Wilson

Others: Zach Harris, Nicole Hart, (LifeNet, Inc.) and Cheryl Marshall (minutes)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Jerry Moeller, Chairman of the Western Payne County Ambulance Trust Authority (WPCATA) Board, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the November 20, 2024, regular meeting of the WPCATA Board were distributed and reviewed. Wells made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ackerson seconded the motion, and Ackerson, Moeller, and Wells voted in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheryl Marshall shared the Treasurer's Report with the members. The beginning balance of the Operating Account as of November 1 was \$151,327.95. Checks/deposits were received from the City of Stillwater, CEC and Noble County. Interest accrued was \$384.45. One expense was paid to LifeNet (subsidy). The account balance at the end of the month was \$120,985.59.

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Ackerson moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Wells seconded the motion, and Moeller, Wells and Ackerson voted in favor of the motion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Approval of Language Change in Contract concerning Average Patient Charge

Jerry Moeller shared that LifeNet requested to increase their current rates. New legislation (HB2872) allows ambulance services to raise rates up to 325% of the Medicare rate. The members reviewed LifeNet's proposed rates, which are higher than the annual contractual (cost-of-living) increase allowed in the contract.

Wells moved approval to allow the increased proposed rates making an exception to the current contract language. Ackerson seconded the motion, and Wells, Ackerson and Moeller voted in favor of the motion.

The members asked that LifeNet publicly communicate the increased rates as well as the addition of the ambulance.

Approval of Increase in Resident Benefit Program Fees

Jerry Moeller shared that he plans to present the annual report to the City Council in February. The members discussed the increase in expenses, projected income deficient from current fees and agreed that an increase in the membership fee of \$1.00 per month is necessary. The members discussed a possible start date of July 1, 2025, to increase membership fees.

Wells made a motion to increase the Resident Benefit Program fee by \$1.00 per month (\$12.00 annually). Ackerson seconded the motion, and Wells, Ackerson and Moeller voted in favor of the motion.

The members reviewed the proposed changes to the Resident Benefit form. Moeller agreed to meet with the utility companies concerning the possible revision of the form.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

The Conflict-of-Interest Statement was signed by the members present and will be submitted to the Secretary of State.

REPORT FROM LIFENET

Zach Harris reported the urban emergency response time for November was 93.3%, rural 911 emergency response time was 92.4% and the non-emergency response time was 85.0%. LifeNet completed 1 transfer originating outside the service area. Call volume was 565 for the month. LifeNet made 226 interfacility transfers. Harris updated the members on the late response calls and shared details with the members. LifeNet responded to 8 Noble County calls. Harris shared that they have hired and are training staff for the additional 12-hour ambulance.

Zach Harris reported the urban emergency response time for December was 95.5%, rural 911 emergency response time was 88.0% and the non-emergency response time was 81.0%. LifeNet completed six transfers originating outside the service area. Call volume was 565 for the month. LifeNet made 242 interfacility transfers. LifeNet responded to 8 Noble County calls. Harris updated the members on the late response calls and shared details with the members.

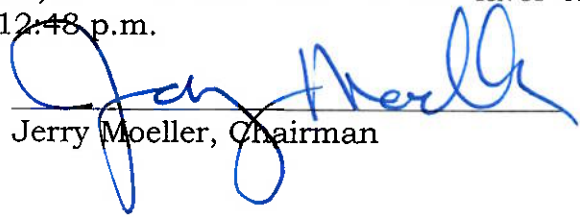
Nicole Hart shared protocol compliance percentages and details with the members. The dashboard showed 100% compliance in Stoke, Trauma and Universal. Hart shared that all calls not meeting 100% compliance were reviewed in detail and discussed with the crew members. Education continues on advanced cardiac support. The staff are training on escaping violent encounters and ways to keep safe.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Wells moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ackerson seconded the motion, and Ackerson, Moeller and Wells voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



Jerry Moeller, Chairman



Cheryl Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer

