

EMS Partnership of Kent County Meeting Minutes

August 14th, 2014
11:30 a.m.

Riverview Building
678 Front NW, Suite 200
Conference Room

Members Present: City of East Grand Rapids: Brian Donovan, Mark Herald
City of Grand Rapids:
City of Grandville: Ken Krombeen, Andy Richter
City of Kentwood: Rich Houtteman, Steve Kepley
Plainfield Charter Township: Ruth Ann Karnes, Cameron Van Wyngarden
City of Rockford:
City of Wyoming: Curtis Holt

Members Absent: City of East Grand Rapids:
City of Grand Rapids: Eric DeLong, Tom Almonte
City of Grandville:
City of Kentwood:
Plainfield Charter Township:
City of Rockford: Dave Jones, Michael Young
City of Wyoming: James Carmody

Also Present: Jen DeHaan, Dale Pomeroy (Plainfield Charter Township), Mic Gunderson (KCEMS)

Meeting called to order at 11:40 by Chairperson Krombeen

1. Minutes - The minutes of the June, 2014 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Donovan with support by Holt to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
2. Finance – Ken Krombeen reviewed the finance report. We are in the process of collecting dues from members. Dues for Rockford, Wyoming and Grand Rapids are outstanding. The financial report was accepted.

3. Project Manager Report – Jen DeHaan gave a report on project management. She has developed a strategy on how to move forward and has been meeting with all three EMS agencies to get to know them and review the contract. It has been a very positive experience. She is developing a summary of the issues each has with the contract which will be a working document to help derive resolutions.

Jen reported the EMS agencies have all demonstrated a willingness to work with us. Each has received the first draft of the contract and had small work groups meet to review their issues. Some of the contract issues include:

- Fees
- Data
- Equipment Requirements
- Performance Guarantees
- Adoption on KEMS Medical Protocol

Next steps will be to revise the draft and distribute it back out again, get feedback and bring it back to the chair for a final comment period and hopefully adoption by this group in October.

Ken noted that Jen has established a good rapport with the agencies, is making good progress, and finding ways to smooth out the differences while protecting citizens and providing the very best services. The EMS partners are at a significant point now, with the contract being the sole issue. Hopefully by the next meeting, Jen can give this group collective direction.

Mic stated this contract the first contract based on outcomes not just response time. Healthcare reform is focusing on outcome metrics.

4. Other
 - Mic Gunderson will be leaving KEMS and moving on to the American Heart Association. Mic will stay on part-time to help in the transition and the selection of his replacement.
 - The time for Board Meetings was moved to 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
5. Public Comment - The Board received no public comment.
6. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.