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EMS Oversight Commission Thursday March 12, 2009 7:00pm Seymour Town Hall – Flaherty Room

Members present: Irene Jecusco, Diane Ricciardi (alternate), Lucy McConologue.
Members not present: Rosalie Averill, Roque Orts.

Others Present: Kyle Kelly SAA, Jesse Rallis SAA, Regina Mann.

Meeting called in order at 7:00pm by Chairwoman Irene Jecusco.

Item # 1 Pledge of Allegiance led by Irene Jecusco.

Item # 3 Approve minutes from September 11, 2008 meeting.

Motion to accept minutes as presented.

Motion: Lucy McConologue Second: Diane Ricciardi

Vote: Yes-3 (I. Jecusco, L. McConologue, D. Ricciardi) No-0 Abstain-0 Disqualified-0

Not Present-2 (R. Averill, R. Orts)

Item # 2 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion to nominate Rosalie Averill as new Chair person.

Motion: Lucy McConologue Second: Diane Ricciardi

Vote: Yes-3 (I. Jecusco, L. McConologue, D. Ricciardi) No-0 Abstain-0 Disqualified-0

Not Present-2 (R. Averill, R. Orts)

Motion to nominate Lucy McConologue as Vice Chairman.

Motion: Diane Ricciardi Second: Irene Jecusco

Vote: Yes-3 (I. Jecusco, L. McConologue, D. Ricciardi) No-0 Abstain-0 Disqualified-0

Not present-2 (R. Averill, R. Orts)

Jesse Rallis introduces Regina Mann, secretary treasurer, member of the SAA board of directors.

Item # 4 Approve 2009 Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, March 12, 2009
- Thursday, June 11, 2009
- Thursday, September 10, 2009
- Thursday, December 10, 2009

All present approve of the schedule as presented.

Motion to approve 2009 Meeting Dates as presented.

Motion: Lucy McConologue Second: Diane Ricciardi

Vote: Yes-3 (I. Jecusco, L. McConologue, D. Ricciardi) No-0 Abstain-0 Disqualified-0

Not present-2 (R. Averill, R. Orts)

Item # 5 Discussion of January financials and any other reports.

Before discussion begins on any of the reports Jesse Rallis points out that the auditor John Rolleri as been in contact with Debbie, bookkeeper, and has reviewed all reports on a regular basis. Adjustments have been made where necessary and the auditor does not foresee any problems. Everything looks in order and ready for the end of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 on May 1st, 2009. The State increases billing rates on May first every year and SAA follows the same timeline to keep everything simple. This process is very helpful for the CPA come end of the year for the audit as well.

Question about private pays going up due to economy, people losing jobs, no insurance, no benefits. The Ambulance is just starting to see it. How is the issue being dealt with? If it's a town resident and cannot afford to pay we write them off. However, some people are getting the checks directly from the insurance company and making the decision not to pay. The SAA is going after those people for collection.

Received check from settlement of \$17,000.

As of today write-offs are at about \$32,000 for FY 2008-2009, some of which goes back to 2007 still, and year is still not over.

SAA does not bill for patience that don't get transported, not all members were aware of this fact. It was suggested they look at how much the actual cost of going out on a call is on average and to use the information to better determine write-offs.

Purchasing a new ambulance, \$114,000, paying all cash, coming out of contingency. SAA had a booth drive at Peak Fitness and did pretty good. Refurbishing an old ambulance, realizing a saving of about \$60,000 - \$65,000. The ambulance will look brand new. Everything is being replaced. Part of the work is being done in Connecticut but most of the work down in Georgia and is due to be ready by the end of April.

Staying on track with the billing is helping the SAA run smoothly and stay above the water.

Insurance was up for renewal and will be renewed on Friday, a copy of the new policy will go out next week to all commission members. Insurance will be paid in full by cash.

Copy of updated roster to be sent to all members.

SAA is now paying for utilities.

All equipment is up to date. Last week two new stretchers were purchased, about \$5,000 each, to replace two older ones.

Item # 6 Public comment.

No public comment.

Item # 7 Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45pm.

Motion: Lucy McConologue

Second: Diane Ricciardi

Vote: Yes-3 (I. Jecusco, L. McConologue, D. Ricciardi) No-0 Abstain-0 Disqualified-0

Not present-2 (R. Averill, R. Orts)

Respectfully Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Onofrio', written in a cursive style.

Nancy Onofrio

Recording Secretary