

# THOMPSON VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting  
February 24, 2011 - 5:30 p.m.  
Station 320 Holdeman Room  
(Ammended)

**Call to Order** – T. McNally called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm

**Roll Call** – M. Childers, P. Farnham *Hello, Hello, Hello....no answer from P. Farnham, connection finally established* (by phone, as approved at Jan 2011 regular meeting), S. Gomez, S. Linden, T. McNally, A. Washnock

**Absent Excused** – R. Bates

**Absent Unexcused**

**In attendance** – Legal Counsel R. Lyons, Chief R. Leshner, Operations Capt. M. Larson, Admin. Capt. M. Dolgener

**Public Comments** - None

## Minutes

Action Item – Correction to January 2011 meeting minutes as follows: Under committee reports, Liaisons add “not” to... the summary page did “not” copy with the packet. Also under committee reports second discussion, add “field” to... generally can be in the health services “field”. Under next meeting add P. Farnham’s name as the 1 abstention from vote. Motion by M. Childers, second by S. Gomez to accept the January regular meeting minutes with changes is unanimously approved.

## Approve Treasurer’s Report

Action Item – January 2011 financial statement was reviewed, S. Gomez commented that everything looks great and the year is starting off good. Balance sheet equity numbers will change when Dec 2010 audited entries are entered. Medicare/Medicaid revenue is down from last year this time, but in line with budgeted. Motion by S. Gomez, seconded by A. Washnock to approve January 2011 financial statement as presented is unanimously approved.

**Old Business** – Review grant funding – Members received e-mail from T. McNally with funding criteria for review. S. Gomez would like to discuss the process and funding at the March 31, 2011 regular meeting. As requested at the January regular meeting, T. McNally sent grant funding documents to Dr. Sundheim to see if he has an interest in applying for funds.

## Committee Reports

- Finance – Nothing to report.
- Liaisons – Loveland Community Health Center are still in the process of completing the final matrix. If he has not received the final by March 1, 2011, T. McNally will contact Wayne Williamson to be sure final is available by March 31, 2011 meeting. T. McNally had sent a preliminary matrix to all board members.
- Long Range Task Force – The Task Force will reconvene sometime around the beginning of summer 2011. Building project and strategic plan will be reviewed.
- Publicity – Nothing to report.
- Personnel/Morale – No issues to report. S. Linden & A. Washnock will begin the Chief’s annual evaluation in process.

- SDA – T. McNally reviewed the current newsletter. One item was asking SDA members to come forward if they were interested in presenting sessions for other SDA members throughout the year or at the annual conference. Newsletter contained a legislative guide page; we defer to our legal counsel. One article in particular on EMS operations and challenges faced with decreasing reimbursement. T. McNally commented that it did not contain anything we didn't already know. Chief Leshar commented that article is aimed more at rural Colorado. Chief would be happy to give a presentation at the next SDA conference "Above and Beyond Fire" to show that a freestanding EMS model is surviving the challenges. Suggestion to create a document to share with others of how in cooperation with local fire we are successful as well.
- T. McNally mentioned that By-laws should be reviewed soon.

**New Business** – No new business.

**Legal (Attorney)** - R. Lyons just received the Alliance Construction contract, he will review and return to Chief Leshar for signature. An election bill was pulled, from legislation, so there is no worry about making all elections mail ballot elections. HB1115 is an attempt to decrease retainage from 10% to 5%. Basically, contractor does work each month submits an invoice, 90% of invoice is paid, 10% is kept for retainage. After completion of construction, a notice is published as a general public notice to all sub-contractors and vendors to see if they have been paid by contractor. If they have not been paid, their services will be paid out of 10% retainage. Many are of the opinion that decreasing retainage to 5% is too low. The Colorado equivalent to Wisconsin collective bargaining legislation was defeated. The law would preclude any governmental employee from collective bargaining. Personnel issue is ongoing, letters have been sent between attorneys. Plan to have a full report at March 31, 2011 meeting.

**Chief's Report** - Chief Leshar distributed his monthly report (attached). Chief reviewed the contractor bidding process and said it was made clear in that process that low bid was not the only factor in contractor selection. The low bid was approx \$40,000 less than selected contractor, Alliance Construction. They were selected because they maintain a local office and understand the soils at construction site. The low bidder had used a building in their portfolio that had gone to litigation after completion. There was some discussion to have ceremonial ground breaking or just have ribbon cutting after project completion. Motion by P. Farnham, second by S. Linden to schedule a low key ceremonial ground breaking with prepared press release was carried with 3 yes, 2 no and 1 present. Low key is defined as; no gold shovels, champagne, etc. It was suggested to have the contractor, board members, Chief and others as deemed necessary present at ground breaking ceremony. Alliance construction will publish a release in a construction business journal. Once the permit is acquired a construction trailer will be placed at the site. Ground breaking will be scheduled as appropriate. Chief Leshar commented that there were more Colorado State EMS grant requests than grant funds available. There was a question if TVEMS should apply for these grants given the financial stability compared to more rural services. Chief Leshar said the grant process is not based on a services financial status but on the merits of the grant.

**Mail/E-Mail** – T. McNally had e-mailed an invitation from Larimer County Safe Kids for a breakfast function. There was discussion to not attend functions sponsored by anyone grants have been issued to so as not to create a perception of ethical misconduct. Awards banquet, Sunday, February 27, 2011. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

**Schedule Social Meal** – March 14, 2011 7:00 a.m. at The Egg & I.

**Next Meeting:**

Regular Board – March 31, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

**Adjourn** – Motion by M. Childers, second by S. Linden to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:25 p.m. is unanimously approved.