

THOMPSON VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting

June 25, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.

Station 320 Holdeman Room

Call to Order – 5:24 p.m. E. Hughes

Roll Call – M. Childers, S. Gomez, E. Hughes, S. Linden, T. McNally

Absent Excused - R. Bates

Absent Unexcused – A. Washnock

In attendance – Legal Counsel Adele Reester, Chief R. Leshner, Capt. A. Simons, Admin. Capt. M. Dolgener

Public Comments – Laura Richardson from Larimer County Safe Kids Coalition gave a presentation requesting grant funds for the county car seat program. Safe Kids is constantly seeking ways to diversify their funding base. The “lead agency” Poudre Valley Health Systems currently pays all administrative costs of Safe Kids, leaving car seats as the only funding the organization requires. Anyone requesting a car seat must attend car seat safety class, view a safety video, and if they can afford a donation is asked to give a minimum \$10.00. Currently, most education is offered in Ft. Collins; Safe Kids would like to expand the education into Loveland to reach more folks in need. They give out 25 – 40 seats per month, last year they distributed 530 car seats. Laura said that a \$1,000 donation would purchase 22 car seats. In 2002, TVHSD donated \$5,000 to the program.

Approve Minutes – S. Linden requested that reason for salary increase as stated by Chief Leshner be added to the May minutes. The addition will read, Chief Leshner said, “The increase was needed to be more competitive with Fire”. Upon motion by T. McNally, second by S. Gomez the May regular board minutes are unanimously approved with changes.

Approve Treasurer’s Report – S. Gomez asked Chief Leshner to go over the highlights. Chief Leshner commented that with the current state of the economy it was expected to show a decrease in net revenue just not this soon. On the expense side under liability/ambulance insurance, dispatch fees and Physician fees the invoices are on books in May, but the expenses are budgeted for June, so they should balance out on the June statement. PR tax expense includes some 2008 payments. Salaries according to budgeted not the accrual are actually \$1,000 over budget. Revenues are down again as well as billed calls and it is possible that tax revenues will decrease in 2010. Under normal circumstances the net income from operations line is budgeted to be in the red due to subsidy. Chief Leshner is confident that the reserves will see us through 2009 and 2010. Chief Leshner is taking a very conservative approach to future non-essential spending. With that in mind, Chief asked to hold off on the approved salary increases at this time until he can obtain more information from the Larimer County Assessor. S. Gomez suggested that each board member call him each month with any questions or comments about the monthly statement rather than him sending an e-mail each month. Upon motion by M. Childers, second by T. McNally, it is unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented.

Old Business -

- Board retreat – E. Hughes asked board members to bring available dates to the July board meeting and it will be decided then which Saturday in October to hold the retreat.
- E. Hughes distributed business cards to the board members that requested them.

Committee Reports -

- Finance – Quarterly finance meeting July 28, 2009 – 5:15 p.m.
S. Gomez will give a report at the July regular board meeting on his findings about what bank would be the best institution to keep the District funds.
- Liaisons – LCHC Fund Request - T. McNally will speak with John Jackson to let him know funds have been allocated for 2009, but he can still give a presentation for 2010 funding request.
- Discussion and questions arose as to when funding began and why some funding continued without requests each year, should the District continue giving grants? What process? It was suggested that as long as the name is Health Services District and not Ambulance District, people should be able to ask for funding and district board can decide to fund or not. There was brief discussion as to whether the District should give money outside of EMS? Would the money be more effective to improve the ambulance service for the community? All requests should clearly state how it meets the mission statement of TVHSD, perhaps have requests for the next year's funding presented in the current year prior to finalizing the District budget. T. McNally and S. Gomez will work on defining the model for funds requests. Larimer Center for Mental Health had an expectation of funding from TVHSD in 2009. Due to the new grant process model, communication with Sue Zsadir was overlooked. T. McNally along with E. Hughes will contact Sue Zsadir and set up a meeting. There was a suggestion to amend the budget to pay CMH the expected \$19,000 or to keep what was approved for staff and give CMH a smaller amount. Upon motion by S. Linden, second by T. McNally to authorize a minimum of 1 quarter up to 2 quarters of payments after speaking with Sue Zsadir. Discussion included paying for the two quarters CMH expected and let them know money has been allocated for other items. After discussion, S. Linden withdrew her motion. Upon motion by T. McNally, second by M. Childers, it is unanimously approved to appropriate two quarters of payments and present to CMH and advise of current financial position.
- After discussion of the presentation by Laura Richardson, M. Dolgener is directed to send a letter to Safe Kids of Larimer County informing Laura that funds have been allocated for 2009 to other organizations and cannot fund this year but her appearance and request tonight will be considered for 2010. Any approved amount and funding letter with the process instructions will be sent to Safe Kids later this year. T. McNally will make list of organizations that have made requests in the past and bring to next meeting. Upon motion by M. Childers, second by E. Hughes to appoint S. Gomez and T. McNally to set up guidelines for the types of organizations that would be considered for funding and a prospective grant budget and to consider other uses for those funds other than grants. Motion withdrawn.
- Publicity – Loveland Community Night Out went well.
- Personnel/Morale – Chief Leshers' evaluation is complete and ready to be filed.
- SDA – Annual meeting attendee selection – The convention is 9/23 – 9/25. Will make selection at July meeting.

New Business -

- 2008 Audit – Bondi & Co. could not attend the June meeting but provided a draft statement for review. Bondi & Co. will give a formal presentation at July 30 regular board meeting.
- Due to the SDA conference, it is suggested to move the September meeting date to 9/17/09. Upon motion by S. Linden, second by M. Childers it is unanimously approved to move the September regular board meeting to 9/17/09.
- M. Dolgener on behalf of the Todd Seek Memorial Golf Tournament committee requested a donation of \$300.00 for a tournament hole sponsorship. The fundraiser is to purchase a ventilator

for the Captain's car. Upon motion by S. Gomez, second by T. McNally it is unanimously approved to sponsor a tournament hole for \$300.00.

🔊 **Legal (Attorney)** - A. Reester mentioned that Amendment 54, which is the campaign contribution restrictions passed by voters last November, has been temporarily suspended following an injunction hearing in two pending lawsuits. At this time, there is not a requirement to include the language in new or renewed sole source government contracts. It is likely to be struck down as unconstitutional.

🔊 **Chief's Report** – See handout – Chief Lesher requested in an e-mail to the Metro district that they consider extending the contract that expires next month, it was presented at their meeting and they agree to extend contract. Chief Lesher was informed that they have two properties they would like the District to consider. Chief met with Water Valley Group about moving a station out towards the airport. He asked them to be more upfront on the properties available, so that Chief's presentation to the District board would not change due to small details unknowingly being omitted from his report. The City of Loveland attorney is working on the details of the IGA contract for the airport accommodations, so it may not be possible to move crews in on July 1 as anticipated. The chassis that is currently in use by TVEMS are no longer being manufactured. Chief Lesher found one and moved capital budget items to purchase chassis. Given the current financial situation, it might be good to have a chassis purchased with 2009 capital funds. Chief is in the process of getting staff committee together to re-address chassis design build. The hospital destination report remains much the same as previous months – billed calls are still down 24 year-to-date.

🔊 **Schedule Chief's Breakfast** – Monday, July 13, 2009 7:00 a.m. The Egg & I.

🔊 **Next Meeting:**

- Regular Board – July 30, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
- Quarterly finance meeting - July 28, 2009 – 5:15 p.m.

Adjournment – It is unanimously approved to adjourn the regular board meeting upon motion by M. Childers, second by T. McNally at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvi Dolgener