

THOMPSON VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting

(Amended)

February 23, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order 5:34 p.m. by R. Bates

Roll Call – Bates, Childers, Erickson, Farnham, Linden, McNally, Washnock

Absent Excused

Absent Unexcused

In attendance Legal Counsel Cathy Tallerico, Chief Randy Leshner, Capt. Al Simons, Capt. Mike Larson, Capt. Steve Forman, Marvi Dolgener

Public Comments

Minutes

- * Action Item – Motion by T. McNally, second by P. Farnham to approve the January Regular Meeting minutes is unanimously approved.

Approve Treasurer's Report

- * Action Item – Cash position is strong, tax revenues holding, audit is complete, still waiting on final audit entries. Motion by P. Farnham, second by A. Washnock to approve the January 2012 financial statement as presented is unanimously approved.

Old Business – Upcoming elections: All current Board Members have returned their self-nomination forms.

Committee Reports

- Finance
- Liaisons – M. Dolgener will send denied application letter for 2012 budget year to Bobbi Sutton. Final application forms will be sent to all board members for approval then posted on web page for public access.
- Long Range Task Force
- Publicity
- Personnel/Morale – Motion by P. Farnham, second by A. Washnock, to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section §24-6-402(4)(f) for the purpose of discussing Chief R. Leshner's annual evaluation at 5:42 p.m. is unanimously approved. Motion by S. Linden, second by T. McNally, to close executive session and return to regular board meeting at 6:23 p.m. is unanimously approved. The regular meeting resumed at 6:26 p.m. Motion by A. Washnock, second by M. Erickson to extend a 3% of base salary one-time bonus to Chief R. Leshner for the period of March 2012 – March 2013 is unanimously approved.
- SDA – M. Dolgener will check with SDA as to why board members are not receiving monthly newsletter by USPS or e-mail delivery.

43 **New Business** – M. Childers mentioned that he was contacted by the Medical Director of McKee Medical Center suggesting that the TVEMS Physician Advisor (Medical Director) should be a physician from McKee Medical Center. Chief Leshar explained that Thompson Valley EMS (TVEMS) is required to have a physician advisor to operate the ambulance service; the advisor needs to sign off on protocols (operational pieces that make organization work). TVEMS currently operates under standing orders approved by Dr. Jobin the current physician advisor. Dr. Jobin has been the physician advisor since 1983, and was with McKee Medical center until 2005 when he joined the faculty of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver. With the current politics between McKee Medical Center and Medical Center of the Rockies it is nice for TVEMS to have an advisor affiliated with a neutral facility. Recently though, Poudre Valley Health Systems and University Hospital have signed an operational agreement but still working with separate boards. Chief Leshar suggested that there is lots of politics that should be discussed in an executive session regarding posturing of competition between the two Loveland hospitals. TVEMS has tried hard to remain neutral in the “hospital competition wars”. The contract for physician advisor is between University Hospital ER physicians and TVEMS. University Hospital is currently writing a paper using our cardiac alert program as their study model. McKee Medical Center Medical Director has not initiated any contact with Chief Leshar to discuss physician advisorship. Chief Leshar went on to say that the strength and support of Dr. Jobin has provided TVEMS with the education and tools for TVEMS to provide care and transportation for open heart surgery patients that need to be moved from Longmont United Hospital to Medical Center of the Rockies for that surgery as well as providing excellent care to the citizens of this district. Chief Leshar felt that it would not be in the best interest of TVEMS or the citizens to switch physician advisors at the drop of a hat. Dr. Jobin has done a good job in the past and will remain neutral of the hospital politics. M. Childers believes it is important that this Board stays ahead of the politics. Dr. Jobin’s connection with University Hospital has nothing to do with this discussion. The board did feel that the physician advisor needs to be strong, supportive and involved with TVEMS. M. Childers thought that finding a local physician who could be strong, supportive and involved would be a benefit. T. McNally knows all physicians at McKee Medical Center and Medical Center of the Rockies and his opinion is that TVHSD Board should be selective. R. Bates asked if anyone felt there was an issue with Dr. Jobin and his involvement with TVEMS. Chief Leshar commented that he is more active than he was before. The Board feels that they are getting what they need from Dr. Jobin. The next discussion is how will this Board and TVEMS stay out of competition between local hospitals. R. Bates recommended that the Board stay out of the discussion and allow Chief Leshar to be responsible to make sure there is appropriate medical direction. Chief Leshar says we have the right people in place to climb the hills coming up, and this group is passionate about TVEMS and the pre-hospital care we deliver to the TVHSD community. M. Childers commented that Chief Leshar does and has done a tremendous job, but thought the Board would be remiss to have the Chief as sole source of information. Conclusion: T. McNally thinks advanced protocols would be restricted if McKee Medical Center or Medical Center of the Rockies ER doctors were selected as a physician advisor. Dr. Jobin’s independence of both local hospitals is a benefit. Board Members need to contact Chief Leshar if they need clarification or education on current TVEMS activities. The board feels that Dr. Jobin needs to attend more physician advisor meetings that have topics pertaining to pre-hospital care and TVEMS. The Board will look to Chief Leshar and management team to monitor and bring any concerns to board meetings. Chief Leshar will communicate all of this to Dr. Jobin.

43 **Legal (Attorney)** – Legal Counsel C. Tallerico said there are no big issues currently in legislature. Reminded the board that the May election can be cancelled if no more than four (4) apply for the four (4) open positions by March 6.

🔊 **Chief's Report** – See handout (power point). The cardiac patient that sent a thank you for great care and saving his life is meeting with Chief Leshar next week. The new station classrooms and garage are used almost daily by other agencies; Larimer County bomb truck and trailers have arrived. Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority has remodeled the leased portion of the Wilson station and are enjoying their new space. They have enough space to set-up a back-up dispatch center in the future. February response times were at 91% under 9 minutes; that is very close without removing weather related delays. The February patient destination report show transports to McKee Medical Center are up 10% and transports to Medical Center of the Rockies are down 12%. Community Paramedic program update; Captain A. Simons, Lt. S. Coffin and Lt. D. Bauman are in class now. C. Edwards and Capt. M. Turner are working on the logistics and implementation of the program. If we receive the federal grant the program will look different, if don't receive the grant it may be necessary to cut back home health and provide smaller version within our budget. The program is being developed to assist the uninsured and underinsured in an effort to keep them from readmission to hospital or calling ambulance needlessly (i.e. diabetic check up make sure they are taking medicine etc.). The program if done well could prevent having to add a 6th ambulance to the daily fleet by several years. Grant applicants should receive notification by the end of March. One part time EMT resigned due to time conflicts. Chief Leshar as requested provided his diploma for review. The Board recognized Chief Leshar for his education accomplishment and thanked his wife Norma for her patience during the last several years as he completed the program.

🔊 **Mail/E-Mail** - None

🔊 **Schedule Social Meal** – March 14, 2012, 7:00 a.m. The Egg & I

🔊 **Next Meeting:**

- Regular Board – March 29, 2012

Adjourn – Motion by P. Farnham, second by M. Erickson to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:41 p.m. is unanimously approved.

P. Farnham, T. McNally, M. Erickson and M. Childers have all stated they will be absent from the March regular board meeting.