

# THOMPSON VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting  
April 26, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.

## Call to Order 5:30 p.m. by R. Bates

- 🔊 **Roll Call** – R. Bates, M. Childers, M. Erickson, S. Linden, T. McNally (6:00), A. Washnock  
Absent Excused – P. Farnham  
Absent Unexcused
- 🔊 **In attendance** – E. Aitken, EMT T. Allen, Fire Chief R. Mirowski, Legal Counsel R. Lyons,  
Chief R. Leshner, Shift Captain S. Forman, M. Dolgener
- 🔊 **Public Comments** - Representing the Loveland Chapter of the VFW, E. Aitken recognized  
EMT T. Allen as the VFW EMT of the Year with a statement of gratitude for his service and  
presented him with a plaque.

Fire Chief R. Mirowski mentioned that as of January 2, 2012 Loveland Fire and Rescue is now Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (LFRA). Chief Mirowski and the Board discussed the need for an inter-governmental agreement (IGA) between LFRA and the Thompson Valley Health Services District (TVHSD). Chief Mirowski had a copy of an agreement that had been carved out in 2003 but had never been finalized. The IGA would benefit the citizens of The District in many ways. Chief Mirowski was only providing an overview tonight with the specifics to be defined with direction from both services' Boards. The IGA would have clearly defined roles and responsibilities for each service, i.e. Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider and transport (TVEMS); Fire is staffed with firefighters who maintain Basic Life Support (BLS) certification. Future thoughts of having a response model of targeting within the urban area in 5 minutes, the current Chief Leshner imposed EMS model is an under 9 minute response. An IGA would secure a long-term commitment with both services working together to meet the 5 minute response model. An IGA would also allow for a long-term strategic plan: station locations, future planning for training, a variety of other services, long term stability in both services and providing the best 911 service for this community. Currently both services are operating successfully, with a great model here in The District. The TVEMS business model for patient care and service is the same model LFRA has for fire service in community. Staff from both services work well together, the Chief's work well together and meet at least once per month. That may not always be the case and an IGA would set a plan in place to maintain the foundation and commitment to the community. LFRA are just completing their strategic plan with a large segment that involved EMS and Chief Leshner's input.

IGA terms can be structured to get out or into IGA that is mutually beneficial. They can have well defined operational guidelines for both services to provide solid service levels to the LFRA and citizens of TVHSD with parameters. LFRA does not want to get into the EMS transport business but by working together with TVEMS to be the best BLS fire department in the area. Chiefs Leshner & Mirowski asked that the TVHSD Board give approval to pursue an IGA. Motion by S. Linden, second by A. Washnock for Chief Leshner to pursue development of an IGA between LFRA and TVHSD to be presented to the board at a future date is unanimously approved.

## 🔊 Minutes

- ✳️ Action Item – March 2012 meeting minutes approval – Under Treasurer’s report change May to lowercase. Motion by T. McNally, second by S. Linden to accept the March 2012 meeting minutes with amendment is unanimously approved.

## 🔊 Approve Treasurer’s Report

- ✳️ Action Item – March 2012 financial statement approval – S. Linden said that income and expenses are both running low, but overall still doing ok. Motion by M. Erickson, second by A. Washnock to accept the March 2012 Treasurer’s report as presented is unanimously approved.

- 🔊 **Old Business** – S. Linden bank review – S. Linden provided a summary and statistics of three (3) banks that she evaluated; Home State, Wells Fargo and Guaranty. The statistical data shows that none of the three (3) banks are considered at risk due to loan ratio. They all have above average capitalization and all are comparable in other categories. The summary of checking options: Home State Bank has three (3) accounts that would be suitable, Wells Fargo has two (2) accounts. Based on the ease and convenience to Home State Bank, S. Linden recommends moving the funds from Guaranty Bank to Home State Bank. Motion by M. Childers, second by T. McNally to move the funds from Guaranty Bank to Home State Bank is approved with 5 yes, and R. Bates abstaining.

## 🔊 Committee Reports

- Finance
- Liaisons
- Long Range Task Force
- Publicity
- Personnel/Morale
- SDA – T. McNally reviewed most recent newsletter stating that it was mostly all about the upcoming elections. The SDA has a course in June for new directors.

- 🔊 **New Business** – Application form for discretionary funds is approved and will be located on the TVEMS webpage.

- 🔊 **Legal (Attorney)** - R. Lyons stated that the election date is coming up quickly. He has the Rural Metro/Kaiser contract for review. Chief Leshner met with Rural Metro and was told that TVHSD legal counsel can prepare a strike through version for review by Rural Metro/Kaiser. The House Bill allowing businesses to ask District Boards for tax relief did make it out of committee. The Bill would allow a new business or an expanding business to apply for personal property tax exemptions up to 100% reduction , which the governing body can negotiate or turn down.

- 🔊 **Chief’s Report** – TVEMS hosted several outside agency meetings in the classrooms last month. Dr. Hutchison with Airlink MCR, Mark Gaisford and Carmen Bloom with Loveland Dispatch Center met with Chief Leshner regarding air medical calls. Dr. Hutchison said he will certify to TVEMS that they will dispatch only the closest ship available even if it is not their own. It is extremely rare that TVEMS calls for a ship. Dr. Kanowitz presented a new airway device that hospitals may use and TVEMS would then follow suit. Destination report shows patients going to McKee Medical Center are up 11 % and MCR is down 6%. The increase may be attributed to the McKee cath lab being fully operational. Ambutrak medical supply inventory system is up and running and early reports are showing about 80% accuracy between inventory and supplies used. The benefits of Ambutrak is the tracking of supplies and better ordering par levels and reducing overall cost due to wasting of expired supplies. Capt. M.

Turner is now a course director for Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS). Those classes can now be taught in-house.

**📧 Mail/E-Mail**

**📧 Social Meal** – May 16 , 2012, 7:00 a.m. at The Egg & I

**📧 Next Meeting:**

- Regular Board – May 31, 2012

**Adjourn** – 7:16 S. Linden, M Erickson unanimously