

City of Great Falls EMS Advisory Board

MINUTES

11/17/2009

1400HRS

GFFR TRAINING CENTER
1900 9TH STREET SOUTH

MEETING CALLED BY	EMS Administrator Fire Chief McCamley
TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly EMS Advisory Board
FACILITATOR	Chief McCamley
NOTE TAKER	Dirk Johnson
TIMEKEEPER	Steve Hester
ATTENDEES	Chief McCamley, Steve Hester, Dirk Johnson, Ron Scott-GFFR, Dave Kuhn, Justin Grohs, Will Fleming-GFES, Dr.Simpson, Dr. Stowers, BE ER, Patty Cadwell-Neighborhood Counsils, Scott Schandelson Benefis Flight, Pam Johnstone and Karen Young – GFPD Dispatch, Chief Grove-GFPD,

Agenda topics

OLD BUSINESS

LAST MEETING MINUTES

MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	Accept or deny last meetings minutes	
CONCLUSIONS	Motion by Grohs to accept, seconded by Dirk Johnson All in favor, none denied	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS

NON MEDICAL NEEDS PATIENTS BROUGHT
TO BENEFIS EAST EMERGENCY ROOM BY
GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SIMPSON, GROVE

DISCUSSION	The Committee discussed the issues and problems that occur when the PD transports or pre-hospital EMS is dispatched for an intoxicated persons that are then delivered the Benefis ER. These people have no other medical condition other than being intoxicated.
According to testimony, when an intoxicated person is left at the ER, it is not an appropriate use of medical resources, and costs Benefis money and valuable time.	
Also, due to current state legislation law enforcement must take this person to the ER if there is no other alternative. State law, possible solutions, resource limitations, and how other MT	

cities handle this situation were topics considered and discussed.		
CONCLUSIONS	<div>1. Scott Schandelson discussed a 1 page letter written by GFFR that can be present to the “State Emergency Care Committee” for possible resources/solutions. Scott is a board member of the State ECC.</div> <div>2. Patty Cadwell discussed a coalition list as possible organizations that may be interested in helping.</div>	
Motion by Scott Schandelson for a letter to be written and presented to the ECC. 2 nd by Dave Kuhn. Motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Write letter for presentation to ECC Board	GFFR	ASAP
Talk to local organizations for possible assistance	Patty Cadwell	ASAP

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENTATION

SCOTT SCHANDELSON

SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENTATION		
DISCUSSION	During the last City EMS Advisory Board meeting an ad hoc committee was established to investigate emergency medical dispatch (EMD) procedures. They presented their findings and recommendations to the board.	
The board deliberated about a means of improving the Cascade County Consolidated Dispatch (CCCD) emergency medical dispatch procedures. Discussed were possible ways for pre-hospital EMS resource utilization and the possibility of a tiered response systems..		
CONCLUSIONS	Start small and look at current protocols that are in place and make needed changes for a more efficient pre-hospital response. The EMD ad hoc committee will continue to meet to research and comment on current EMD procedures and to offer recommendations to the Board.	
Motion by Scott Schadelson with 2 nd by Dave Kuhn for sub-committee to continue with current protocol revisions.		
Motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Organize sub committee meeting to review protocol	Scott Schandelson	January 2010
Contact lawyer (Worth) about liability	Dave Kuhn	Prior to next meeting

OLD BUSINESS

CLINICAL LETTER

CHIEF MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	<p>During the last meeting the board requested that Chief McCamley draft a letter to all clinics and other medical facilities regarding 911 EMS emergency response and non-emergent transport procedure. That letter was presented at this meeting.</p> <p>Approve letter written by Chief McCamley and to send the letter to clinical agencies</p>
<p>Dave Kuhn requested to change one sentence to reflect a period after ambulance in the sentence “The concern was that Clinics and medial facility staff were initiating an EMS call for their patients, but were only requesting the ambulance. to transport the patient to Benefis Medical</p>	

Center.”		
CONCLUSIONS	Send out the letter with changes	
Motion by Kuhn to send out the letter, 2 nd by Scott Schandelson		
Motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
GFFR will distribute the letter	Hester	ASAP

[TIME ALLOTTED]

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHIEF MCCAMLEY

DISCUSSION	Asked for anyone from public that wanted to make comments. No public for comment.	
CONCLUSIONS	Adjourn meeting	
Motion by Dave Kuhn, 2 nd by Dirk Johnson Motion passed unanimously		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

OBSERVERS	
RESOURCE PERSONS	
SPECIAL NOTES	Old business from last meeting that did not get discussed; Benefis West response and QA/QI have been finalized and no actions are needed by the Advisory Board.