

Kossuth County EMS Board

Meeting Minutes

8/20/2019

1900 Public Discussion

Deb Steven asked about term limits for the board members and what the longevity of the board is predicted to be.

- Term Limits for Board members will be set in the bylaws as they are created. David has by laws in progress
 - o 2 years at supervisor
- Goal for Board is long term

Roll Call: Present: Davis, Tjaden, Nelson, Buscher, Murphy, Albers, Stecker, Penton

1905 Meeting was called to order by EMA Chairman Steve Kollasch

A motion to approve the Agenda for 8/20/2019

Motion: Albers

Second: Davis

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Election of officer

Nomination:

Chair: Stecker (Vol) Nomination by Nelson Second Albers --100 Pass

Vice Chair – Albers (Vol) Nomination by Davis Second by Stecker --
100 Pass

Secretary -- David Penton Nomination by Nelson, Second by Stecker –
Pass 100

EMA Chair Kollasch relinquished Chair to Stecker

Gary Merrill Conducted a presentation on the HX of EMS in Kossuth County to date. Needs assessment etc.

Gary gave an explanation and description of the levels / certifications in EMS

Drivers – None certified only required to be CPR certified and a valid Driver's license.

EMR – Was the First Responded, they have a basic assessment skill level. Tight restrictions. Apply O2, CPR, Assessment

EMT – More advanced assessment, basic airway adjusts, defibrillation, some basic medication (Eppi Pen, ASA, Patient assisted NTG, inhalers)

AEMT – add IV skills and some baseline cardiac arrest IV medications EPPI, Atropine, Amiodarone

Paramedic – 2 Years of College Advanced Airway Management, any medications available and allowed by medical director. Allowed to give any medication other than Insulin.

CCP – Yet a higher level of Certifications. Able to transport ICU patients with Balloon pumps, multiple drips, vent, cvp monitoring

Nurse Exceptions – Licensed RN authorized to operate on and Ambulance under there license. Must Have basic EMS Training.

Service Authorization –

Full Authorized – Able to provide said level of care 24 hrs. / day

Conditional authorized – Can sometimes provide this level of care

Transport – Certified to transport patients to a hospital

Non-Transport - Another service must come to transport the patient.

Spoke a little about simultaneous page and paramedic assist. And coverage areas.

Gary Discussed Iowa EMS System standards Document put out in 2017.

This document is bottom Line. Where is our goal bottom of the barrel or middle? This document is provided under the fourth (orange) tab in the Boards Binder.

“Where you live should not determine if you live!”

Kip Ladage, Bremer County EMA

Fall in Volunteerism --- More than a 50% drop in the last few years. Vol Subsidy falls due to this decline in Volunteerism.

Discussed reasons for this.

- Bedroom community
- Family obligations
- Cost of class
- Call Schedule
- Administrative Resp
- Difficult testing
- Work Schedule
- Course requirements
- Burn out
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Funding – Decreased in Medicare Medicaid reimbursement. Increased in no transport and no pays.

Some funding from the county

Some Services get twp funds

Goals for the Kossuth County EMS Advisory Board

- Find a fair way to fund EMS
- Accountable
- Sustainable

Possible options

- Paid staff
- Shared services

- Share Administrative workload
 - o Some of these services can be delegated to full time staff
- Local Option Sales tax
- EMS income Surtax
- Iowa Code Chapter 422D
 - o Income Tax Surcharge
 - o Property Tax Levy

Goals for the Kossuth County EMS Advisory Board

- 1) Develop the standards of how ems responds in Kossuth County (agreements) This done by October 15, 2019
- 2) Option A, B, C what is the other plan (reference Write County) Salaries and benefits for paid staff Money
- 3) Develop one system
- 4) Money

Motion to set mtg for the following date as long as have a document to review

Motion by Nelson Second Murphy Pass

Next MTG

Tuesday August 27, 2019 7:00 PM Bancroft

Motion to Adjourn Mark Davis with a Second by Ryan Nelson

Adjourned 2050

