

Emergency Medical Service Committee Meeting

October 20, 2020

Location: Barnes Emergency Services Facility

Time: 0900 hrs.

Attendance: Diane Rupnow, Stephanie Marshall, Rose Baldwin, Carl Heltne, Guy Johnston, Donna Porter.

Guests: Irene Bott & Leah Holsclaw of the Barnes Emergency Medical Services.

Meeting called to order at 0903hrs.

Roll was completed and a quorum was established. Verification of public notice was noted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting. After discussion this motion was carried.

Discussion regarding the proposed home health program (CHIP) continued. The Department of Health Services will hold a public hearing on the proposed revisions to Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DHS 110 Emergency Medical Services Licensing, Certification and Training Requirements on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 9 am to 12 pm via Zoom. Irene Bott will send information to all committee members to listen to the proceedings. Questions can be submitted for consideration in advance of the meeting, however, no questions or comments can be made during the meeting. We hope to learn more from this meeting about what the training program would be in a state sanctioned program. EMT staff can only work in a CHIP program that is state approved using their EMT licensure.

Guy Johnston asked if there is a simplified way to run the program in lieu of state approval. Only things that would be done by a neighbor or friend such as checking in on safety issues in the home, grocery shopping, etc. but nothing involving medical care. Irene Bott informed the committee that our work in progress on this program has been submitted via our grant, including our draft of a community customer survey. We need the final survey before the grant can be approved. This grant is for \$197,000 over 4 years.

The committee discussed including this customer survey in the mid-December mailing of property tax statements, community calendar, and other items. There are 1400 people on the Barnes tax logs as property owners. A postcard with the survey that includes a mail back option and request for e-mails would be a cost-efficient way to collect data as to the value of CHIP for the community. A motion was made and seconded that EMS subcommittee members continue work on the postcard format and that Guy Johnston secure approval from the Town Board for the mailing. After brief discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

A draft of a legislative letter was reviewed and edited. We need to keep information and requests in front of our elected officials, DHS contacts, and other interested parties. It has been frustrating to receive only one or two responses from all the letters previously sent. The committee worked the letter to a final format which included two requests: their assistance in moving DHS 110 forward to completion and asking them to send back their actionable response to our request. Guy Johnston will present the letter to the Town Board this evening in his update.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adjourn at 1105 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Baldwin