

## Emergency Medical Service Committee Meeting

October 1, 2020

Location: Barnes Emergency Services Facility

Time: 0905 hrs.

Attendance: Tom Renz, Diane Rupnow, Stephanie Marshall, Rose Baldwin, Carl Heltne, Guy Johnston.

Guests: Susan Jansen, Barnes Town Board, Irene Bott & Leah Holsclaw of the Barnes Emergency Medical Services.

Meeting called to order at 0905hrs.

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.

Tom Renz provided an update on the status of Covid 19 within Bayfield County. The number of reported positive cases are increasing, deaths from Covid 19 has been reported to remain at one.

A motion was made, seconded and after discussion approved unanimously expressing appreciation and thanks to Town of Barnes Board Chair and Supervisors for actions taken this summer focused on the prevention of Covid 19 infections and the safety of all within the community.

A presentation was made by Tom Renz, Irene Bott and Leah Holsclaw on a proposal to establish a Citizen Health Integrative Program.

The draft goals of such a program would be as follows:

1. Improve the Community health via the CHIP. (Citizen Health Integrative Program)
2. Reduce repetitive 911 calls and hospitalizations related to sub-optimal management of chronic health conditions.
3. Reduce Community health care costs through better coordination of care and prevention/ wellness strategies.

The draft objectives of such a program would be as follows:

1. Staff CHIP with EMTs who are properly educated regarding Citizen's Care program, and who have developed the required skill set.
2. Show annual growth in enrollment of CHIP patient participants.
3. Achieve positive participant satisfaction with CHIP.
4. Document a reduction in repetitive 911 calls and associated hospitalizations among those with chronic health conditions who are enrolled in CHIP participants.
5. Demonstrate a reduction in Community health care costs associated with chronic conditions.

6. Identify opportunities for improvement in CHIP, take appropriate actions to make such improvements, and document the effectiveness in such actions

The Committee acknowledged that this is a work in progress and expressed gratitude for all the effort expended to this point in time. A motion was made, seconded and after discussion approved unanimously to recommend to the Town of Barnes Board continued support in the development of this program.

Those presenting made two requests:

- 1) One, a request for the committee to assist in asking the State of Wisconsin to complete the regulatory requirements to ensure the full deployment of Wisconsin statute 256.21 which supports such activity. It was noted that this would be helpful but not a limiting step in the process.
- 2) Secondly a request was made for assistance in developing a survey which would query the Town of Barnes taxpayers as to the value of such a program to the community. A motion was made and seconded to fulfill this request. After discussion approved unanimously.

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

Respectively Submitted

Carl E. Heltne