

MINUTES
County of Tulare
Independent Ambulance Compliance Committee
July 24, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Steve Harrell at 2:00 PM.

II. ATTENDANCE

Sign in sheet on file.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of January 23, 2019. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS AND ACTIONS

The Committee received and reviewed the Contract Performance Reports for the months of January, February, and March 2019.

A Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to assess liquidated damages for January, February, and March 2019 in the amount of \$8,580.00.

The Committee received and reviewed the Contract Performance Reports for the months of April, May, and June 2019.

Dale Dotson discussed the percentage failure reported for May Rural priority 1 & 2 calls.

Paul Main discussed rounding of percentage numbers.

The committee discussed call volume in the Exeter Metro Zone and if that volume was sufficient to measure monthly versus quarterly.

A Motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to continue Quarter 2 2019 reporting to the next meeting date to investigate the concerns expressed regarding rounding of compliance percentages.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Exeter District Ambulance / Three Rivers Response Plan

Dale Dotson briefed the committee on a proposed plan to locate a paramedic in Three Rivers to improve ALS response times to the area. He added that this would be accompanied by a request for additional time for a transportation unit to arrive. Talks with Exeter District on this matter continue.

Tule River Ambulance Update

Manuel Santoyo reports that they were moving forward with vehicle inspections and Hiring.

Eastern Sierra Ambulance Response Update

Dan Lynch reported that Liberty Ambulance had been purchased by the local hospital and would resume responding to the Kennedy Meadows / Johnsondale areas.

Trent Fiori discussed impact to the system when Liberty is unable to respond.

Behavioral Health Draft Policy Update

Dan Lynch reported that the EMS agency received a lot of feedback on the draft policy and that it continues to be developed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

SB 438

Dan Lynch briefed the committee on pending legislation requiring dispatch centers to be government owned, operated, and staffed. He added that amendments were being made for exceptions, and that the EMS agency was watching closely as well as consulting county counsel for interpretation.

AB 1544

Dan Lynch briefed the committee on the Community Paramedic Program, and how it could affect destination for some call types, and could possibly require a separate RFP for services.

VII. EMS AGENCY UPDATES

VIII. OPEN PUBLIC AGENDA

Randy Groom briefed the committee on implementation of Squad vehicles at Visalia City Fire Department

Doug Woods discussed radio infrastructure and detailed a system they were testing that ties in radio service with ATT cellular networks for improved service.

Paul Main discussed strike team deployment to an exercise in southern California, and added he was proud of the crews performance as they were well organized and represented well.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1506.