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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING **Minutes** **Thursday, February 12, 2015**

Members

Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Robeson, Robert – Lakeside Chamber of Commerce
Strom, Linda – Lakeside Community Planning Group
Voepel, Randy – City of Santee

Agency Representatives

Johnson, Karrie – San Miguel Fire District for Dave Rickards
Kirkpatrick, Jim – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist.
Peterson, Brad – Santee Fire Department

Guests

Ayers, Charlene – Public (San Miguel)

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Brewton, Linda
Cavanaugh, Adria
Leverson, Jim
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Bingham called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Strom, seconded by Kevin Howe to approve the November 13, 2014 CSA-69 Advisory Committee minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kevin Howe recommended re-nominating the current Chair and Vice-Chair to continue their positions through 2015.

A motion was made by Kevin Howe, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to retain Warren Savage as the current CSA-69 Advisory Committee Chair and James Bingham as the CSA-69 Advisory Committee Vice-Chair for 2015. Motion carried.

V. BUDGET REPORT

A. Financial Review – Linda Brewton

The quarterly financial review was presented. Year-to-date amounts are through January 31, 2015.

1. Year-to-Date 2014/2015 Revenue Growth by Source		
Ambulance Transports		\$1,955,000
Resident transports	\$ 1,562,000	
Non-resident transports	<u>393,000</u>	
Benefit Fee		1,354,000
Property tax		282,000
Interest, Penalties & Other		<u>31,000</u>
Total Revenue		\$3,622,000

Year-to date revenue is down 3% compared to the same period FY 2013/14.

2. FY 2013/14 Expense Growth by Category		
Ambulance		\$ 1,607,000
Billing & Collection Services		61,000
County-Admin Services		46,000
Mutual Aid		<u>0</u>
Total Expenses		\$1,714,000

Total expenses year-to-date is down 32%. This is primarily driven by timing differences in receipt and processing of invoices. Full year expenses are expected to be in line with what was spent last year.

3. Revenue is coming in higher than what was budgeted for FY 2014/15. Expenses are slightly lower than budgeted. The contract with Wittman this year was renegotiated at a lower fee.

4. Differences between revenue and expense amounts go into the reserve. CSA-69 has targeted a range of 120 to 180 days of expenses to be covered by the reserve.
5. Year-to-date resident transports are up 7% versus the historic average, and up 3% from last year. Non-resident transports are up 42% versus the historic average and up 29% from last year. Monthly transport fee collections were up an 8% as compared to the historic average but down 7% from last year.

B. Budget Subcommittee

The Budget Subcommittee met prior to the Advisory Committee. Linda Brewton presented a review of the information that was given at the subcommittee meeting which included FY 2012/13 and FY 2013/14 actuals, FY 2014/15 year-to-date and projection amounts and the FY 2015/16 Budget Build amounts.

1. Revenue:

- Property Taxes are estimated at \$490,000, a 1.4% increase from the prior year and is aligned with the long term average growth rate.
- Benefit tax increases are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The County Board of Supervisors has not met to establish what the increase will be; therefore, the budget projects a similar amount to the current year’s projection
- Interest adjustment/other is projected as a flat growth.
- Transport fee is shown with a slight increase from FY 2014/15.
- GEMT funds are showing a flat growth rate.

Total revenue growth rate is projected to be 1.4% from this year to FY 2015/16.

2. Expenditures:

- Lakeside expenditures are expected to grow from \$2,961,971 to \$3,147,188.
- Santee expenditures are expected to grow from \$2,740,845 to \$3,013,985.
- Wittman Enterprises is estimated to be the same at \$150,000. Wittman fees are based on a percentage of transport fees collected.
- County Admin Services is estimated to be the same at \$175,000.

3. Difference from revenue and expenses is an overage of approximately \$152,827 which will go into the reserve.
4. Kevin Howe commented that the FY 2015/16 County and agency budget recommendations were presented to the Budget Subcommittee. The Budget Committee approved the FY 2015/16 Budget and recommended to forward the FY2015/16 Budget to the CSA-69 Advisory Committee for final approval.

C. FY 2015/16 Budget Build

1. FY 2014/15 Revenue Budget Recommendations

Ambulance transport fees	\$3,567,000
Benefit Fee tax	\$2,400,000

Property tax:	490,000
Budgeted annual revenue from GEMT	<u>150,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$6,657,000

- Property tax revenue is expected to grow 1.3% in line with the historic compound annual growth rate.
- The Benefit tax rate is set by the Board of Supervisors, and is based on growth in the CPI, which has been in the range of 1% to 1.5%. The BOS has not set the rate for FY2015/16; for budget purposes, this analysis assumes the benefit fee revenue will be similar to prior year actuals and FY 2014/15 projected revenue.
- The projected transport fee revenue assumes a growth rate of 2.5%, in line with the long-term growth rate.
- GEMT fees are based on the number of Medi-Cal runs that are completed and is estimated the same as the projected FY 2014/15 amount.

2. FY 2014/15 Expenditures

Lakeside Fire Protection District	\$3,147,188
Santee Fire Department	3,031,985
Wittman Enterprises	150,000
County - Admin Services	<u>175,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$6,504,173

- The increase from FY 2014/15 to FY 2015/16 for Lakeside represents 6.3% growth, Santee is at 10.6%.
- Wittman Enterprises billing is based on the percentage of the transport fees collected and is estimated the same as FY 2014/15.

A motion was made by Linda Strom, seconded by Kevin Howe to approve the FY 2015/16 Budget. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Administrative Report – Diane Ameng

1. Community Paramedicine (CP) pilot programs were approved in November. There are 13 programs in the state. Two programs are in San Diego, City of Carlsbad and City of San Diego.
 - City of Carlsbad project is an alternate destination program to be able to assess patients and transport them to Kaiser Urgent Care involving a Kaiser doctor.
 - City of San Diego project is with their Resource Action Program (RAP) program for frequent users of 911. The program focuses on connecting the homeless and those with alcohol and medical problems to the correct program for assistance.
 - The pilot projects are currently in Core Training for certification. Each individual pilot will have their own local training as well.
2. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) trauma center evaluations are conducted every three (3) years. Certification site visits have started and will be ongoing to May.

3. The annual *Strike out Stroke Event* will be held April 25th with the Padres playing the Dodgers.
4. The Countywide disaster drill is scheduled for May 20. The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and the EMS Medical Operations Center (MOC) will be activated for the drill. The scenario is a power outage with Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) occurring as a result of the outage.
5. A date for *Sidewalk CPR Day* will be set soon.
6. *Love Your Heart Day* is Friday, February 13th. Organizations and agencies will be providing free blood pressure screening at several locations throughout the County.

B. Medical Director Report – Diane Ameng

1. The spread of Ebola is dropping in the host countries.
2. Influenza is at a peak. As of February 11, there have been 4,736 confirmed cases of flu, 96 were Intensive Care Unit (ICU) admissions and there have been 43 deaths. Of the deaths the age range was between 58 and 99 and all had comorbid factors or preexisting health conditions.
3. There have been 123 cases of measles in California and Mexico. Measles is an air borne disease and is very contagious.
4. The naloxone study conducted by the Sheriff Department in designated areas of the County is expanding to all Sheriff Agencies this year. There will be further communication sent out explaining the study.

C. Agency Reports

1. Santee Fire Department
 - a. A new ambulance has been approved and will be delivered in September.
 - b. Santee was in the process of recruitment for three (3) firefighter paramedics which is now closed. Testing has been started and should be concluded by March. The firefighter paramedics should be ready to work in May/June which will bring Santee to full staffing.
 - c. Santee is participating in the *Love Your Heart* event having crews at two locations, Walgreens on Mission Gorge and Magnolia and at the Santee Library.
2. Lakeside Fire Protection District
 - a. All personnel completed Ebola training.
 - b. Lakeside just closed its open recruitment for firefighter paramedics.
 - c. Core measures were submitted by both agencies to the County.
 - d. A new ambulance purchase is in progress. Delivery is expected in April to June.
 - e. Lakeside is participating in the *Love Your Heart* event with locations at Vons on Camino Canada and the Lakeside Community Center.

- f. Senior paramedics would like to be more active in training paramedics by taking over the ALS training for the agency. They have done an excellent job and would like to bring the PALS training to the facility.
- g. The agencies have changed to new software for the purpose of patient care documentation. The on-screen project, Street EMS, will allow transfer of data more effectively and will be NEMSIS 3.0 compliant. The software has a direct connect to Wittman for accounting purposes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The Cardiac Arrest Registration Enhances Survival (CARES) presentation by Leslie Ray will be scheduled for the next CSA-69 Advisory Committee meeting.
- Santee Mayor Randy Voepel and CSA-69 representative from the City of Santee announced that he will be retiring December 2016 and replaced by Councilmember Ronn Hall. Randy Voepel has been a representative to CSA-69 for 18 years. He added that he is happy to leave the Advisory Committee solvent and well run.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, May 14, 2015, 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Submitted by

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