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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, September 14, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

*Butz, John – Lakeside Union School District
*Fox, Ken – Santee School District Board
*Liebig, Peter – Lakeside Fire Protection District
*Robeson, Robert – Lakeside Chamber of Commerce
*Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Grossmont Hospital
Houlahan, Stephen – Council Member, City of Santee

County Staff

Cavanaugh, Adria
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Parr, Andy
Shahri, Sheri
Vassiliou, Elaine (recorder)

*Voting Members

Agency Representatives

Matsushita, Justin – City of Santee Fire Department
Molloy, Bernie – Lakeside Fire Agency

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, CSA-69 Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the CSA-69 Advisory Committee minutes of May 11, 2017. Motion carried.

4. BUDGET REPORT

A. Financial Review – Sheri Shahri CSA-69 financial review Q4 FY 2016/17

1. Revenue by Source

Resident transports	\$ 2,882,767	
Non-resident transports	\$ <u>863,945</u>	
Total Ambulance Transport Revenue		\$3,746,712
Benefit Fee		\$2,486,409
Property tax		\$ 564,936
Interest, Penalties & Other		\$ 253,620
Total Revenue		\$7,051,677

Revenue Year to Year Growth

- Tax growth is at 5%
- Non-Resident transport fees were up 9%, resident transport fee growth was -8%.
- The Benefit fees growth is at 1%
- Interest, Penalties, GEMT and Other is up 87%

2. Expense by Category

Ambulance	\$ 5,908,713
Billing & Collection Services	\$ 136,070
County-Admin Services	\$ 128,295
Total Expenses	\$ 6,173,078

Expense Year to Year Growth

- Billing & collection services are up 5%
- Ambulance expense, 7%
- County Admin Services, 22%
- Total Expense growth was at 7%

3. Cash Balance Year End 2016/17

Fund Balance	\$ 8,230,882
Required 180 days	\$ 3,086,539

- Growth rate for revenue is 2.7%
- Growth rate for expenses are 5.93%

4. FY 2016/17 Transports

Resident transports	6,902
Non Resident transports	<u>2,273</u>
Total transports	9,175

5. YTD collections received

\$ 3,700,000

B. Budget Committee Report

No report. Budget Committee will meet in February.

5. STAFF/ AGENCY REPORTS

A. Administrative Report – Jim Kirkpatrick

1. The County has declared a public health emergency for the Hepatitis A outbreak. As of September 12 there are 421 confirmed cases in the County, 16 deaths and 292 hospitalizations. The strain is most predominately within the homeless community and illicit drug users. The County is distributing hand washing stations in the area of the outbreak and reminds everyone to wash their hands. Healthcare workers are advised to wash their hands frequently and get vaccinated.
2. The CoSD LEMSIS (Local EMS Information System) is a patient electronic data collection program replacing the QCS system as of June 2017. Currently there is an excess of 70,000 calls entered into the system. The deadline for new agencies to submit their interest in joining LEMSIS is September 22, 2017.
3. The committee was advised that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors recently notified EMS of two (2) CSA-69 open member positions for the Lakeside Community Planning Group (LCPG). LCPG was notified of the vacancy and asked to submit a nomination to ensure their representation on the CSA-69 Advisory Committee.

B. Agency Reports

1. Lakeside Fire District Report – Bernie Molloy

- a. Lakeside Fire public community outreach trained 100 people in CPR.
- b. Three (3) fire fighters were hired. Lakeside is preparing to hire paramedic fire fighters for CSA ambulances.
- c. A new medic van was ordered, received and returned as it had too small of a fuel tank. Diesel chassis are no longer available. Each ambulance puts on approximately 60,000 miles per year.
- d. Station 2 will have an open house on September 30th.
- e. In September there were 9,058 CSA-69 ambulances transports, a 3% increase over last year call volume. CSA-69 resources are at 91.9% compliance for August, Countywide compliance is at 38%.

2. Santee Fire Department – Justin Matsushita

- a. Job offers were given to four (4) new personnel.
- b. Santee red ambulances, fire trucks and engines are getting positive reviews.

C. Advisory Committee Member Report

1. San Miguel Fire Department

- a. The transition to return fire services back to the district is going well. Hiring will begin in January.
- b. An open house will be held on October 7. Station 19 is having a pancake breakfast on September 23, 8:00 – 12:00.

6. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Fifth Medic Unit Feasibility Presentation – Justin Matsushita, Bernie Molloy

A. Due to the increasing call volume and effect on CSA-69 resources, a study was completed on the feasibility of an additional medic unit for CSA-69. The presentation was to demonstrate a need, review the fiscal impact and discuss the feasibility of an additional medic unit in CSA-69.

B. Incidents per year

From 2011 to 2016 there was an increase of 29% in incident calls from 9,750 to 12,611. That is an increase of 29% and an average of 3,153 calls per medic units. The call volume for 2017 is estimated at 12,989 based on the projected 3% call growth.

C. CSA-69 Mutual Aid Statistics

1. Mutual Aid Incident Calls.

In 2016 there were 12,611 incident calls made in and out of the CSA-69 district. CSA provided 1,142 mutual aid transports into El Cajon; El Cajon provided 756 mutual aid transports to CSA-69. In 2017 the number of mutual aid incidents year-to-date are 9,058, with 1,046 CSA mutual aid calls into El Cajon and 513 mutual aid calls into CSA-69 by El Cajon. CSA-69 residents receive billing at a higher from El Cajon as a non-resident mutual aid transport.

2. Revenue and call increase.

With no additional revenue and a 3% growth in calls, new hire costs for firefighter paramedics, personnel, staffing and equipment needs will have an impact to the CSA-69 reserve by fiscal year 2018/19. Wittman provided CSA-69 collection information that shows if non-resident fees were increased to \$225 per transport which is below the County average, it would generate \$277,000.

- 3. Questions and discussion included capturing missed calls, closing the revenue gap for a neutral cost, and call density and location of new a medic unit. The following are two (2)

separate items to consider: 1) additional medic unit with a trial one year period alternating with Santee Fire and Lakeside Fire; and 2) a non-resident fee increase. CSA-69 non-resident transport fees are established by County ordinance.

4. Conclusion

EMS County staff requested to review and evaluate the study numbers, look at alternatives in the County budget as well as other models. A decision to move forward with the additional medic unit will be brought forward at the next CSA-69 meeting in November. There will be further discussion between County staff and the two agencies regarding the fee schedule budget proposal.

8. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, November 9, 2017, 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Fire Protection District, Administrative Office, 12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.