

EMS Partnership of Kent County Agenda

December 10, 2015
10:30 a.m.

Riverview Building
678 Front NW, Suite 200
Conference Room

- I. Call Meeting To Order
- II. Approval of Minutes (attached)
- III. Finance Report (attached)
- IV. Project Manager's Report
- V. Review of Final Ambulance Contract
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Adjournment

The EMS Partnership of Kent County is established by cities and townships in Kent County through the Michigan Municipal Partnership Act. Therefore all business of the EMS Partnership Board shall be conducted at meetings held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) and all Partnership records are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (PA 267 of 1976). Minutes of all EMS Partnership Board meetings shall be prepared and approved as required by law with copies transmitted to each partner reasonably promptly after each Consortium Board meeting.



Memo

To: EMS Partnership Board Members
From: Ken Krombeen, EMS Partnership Board Chair
Date: December 3, 2015
Re: December 10, 2015 Board Meeting

Attached you will find the agenda packet for the Thursday, December 10 meeting of the EMS Consortium (10:30 a.m. at the GVMC offices). You will recall that we had been following up on a suggestion at the October meeting that the Consortium work with Attorney Scott Smith in an effort to try to find some common ground in the language of the agreement that might be acceptable to all parties (Scott was well-positioned to do this as he has a relationship with multiple parties to this agreement and also was involved in the Municipal Partnership Act development and the early stages of the EMS Consortium). The attached version of the agreement is the result of that effort and I have asked Mr. Smith to be present next week to go over the final couple of changes. Your packet should include both a clean copy and a copy marked against the version approved by the Board in June that was sent out to you after the October meeting.

In making the final changes, I have a few observations I'd like to share:

- Every attempt was made to stay true to the Consortium's continuing effort to create an agreement that formalizes the relationship between the parties and that reflects the EMS system practices as they currently exist. At any point where it appeared the ambulance companies had differing views on what the "current practices" really are, we continued to

defer to the established policies and protocols of the medical control authority (KCEMS) and, where possible, referenced specific adopted policies and protocols.

- Likewise, the agreement continues to recognize that KCEMS is likely to amend or create new policies in the future and accommodates that without need to amend the agreement. The process to amend those policies is sanctioned by the State and all the providers are plugged into it.
- In my opinion, this is our last, best version and it is ready for consideration by the Consortium Board. I don't see any likelihood that further negotiation or debate will result in a better outcome.

In addition to the Consortium Board members, I will also be sending these changes out to KCEMS, the ambulance companies and the various municipal attorneys who have been involved. It would be my intent at the Board meeting to take any final comment on the agreement from any party with an interest and request the board consider a motion to approve.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached at krombeenk@cityofgrandville.com or 530-4980. And, as always, thank you for your patience and persistence in driving this process to a conclusion.