

THOMPSON VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT

c/o TVEMS

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Regular Board Meeting
August 29, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

 **Call to Order** (Smela) Regular meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

 **Pledge of Allegiance**

 **Roll Call** (Dolgener) – Cecil, Hecker (excused), Honea, Lien (excused), Macias (excused), Smela, Willard (remote) – quorum present

 **In attendance** – R. Fano, Chief Robinson, Brown, Forman, Axtell, Feyen, Hillmann, Schroeder, Dolgener

 **Public Comments**

 **Unfinished Business** – Chief Robinson gave a LURA board appointment update; the appointment of Macias is waiting for final appointments to determine if a vote will be required to seat anyone.

 **New Business**

 Review and approve resolution in opposition to November ballot initiatives. The new legislation will not be moving forward; therefore, no action will be taken by the TVHSD board on adopting a resolution.

 **Consent Agenda Action Items**

June Meeting Cancelled – No Minutes

July 2024 Meeting Minutes

June Financial Statement

Motion by Honea, second by Cecil to accept the consent agenda items as presented is unanimously approved.

 **Legal** – Nothing new to report.

 **Chief's Report** –

- Introduction of the Director of Safety and Wellness, Lindsay Schroeder.
- Formal introduction of Dave Edwards, the Community Health and Special Projects BC will take place at the September meeting.
- Hired a Fleet Manager, Ryan Smith, his first day is September 9, 2024.
- Director of Finance, Taylor Waterland will begin in December.
- Interviews for the Readiness BC will take place next week.
- Organizational chart sent to board members. The team is in the process of mapping out the clinical track and command track responsibilities before filling open Captain positions to bridge the gap between clinical crews and Battalion Chiefs. Working on training Lieutenant ranks to operate at a Captain level when needed.

- Interviews will begin soon for EMT positions to help fill openings left by current EMTs entering the apprenticeship program.
- Whole blood project is still in process and getting close to being finalized for program roll out, possibly in October. One of the items currently in discussions is how and who pays for it. First proposal was from UC Health that they sell the blood product to EMS and then charge back to restock it.
- Fano and Chief have drafted a border reconciliation IGA with PVA.
- Strategic planning committee interviewed six vendors and narrowed down to two. Either would serve TVEMS well, looking for next steps in the process.
- Core Values process taken on by Hillmann and has 7 steps, may narrow down to 5 or so. Will bring into strategic plan process.
- Kim Perry with the McWhinney Group met with Chief to discuss possible land options available for future HQ build. Chief gave her the HQ building plans to review.
- The Loveland Communications dispatch IGA is in process, conversations ongoing with Chief and Laurie Scott, Chief of Communications. TVEMS is not currently in a place to bring emergency dispatching in-house.
- Recently promoted 4 paramedics to Field Training Officer (FTO) positions.
- Operations had 2 Paramedic graduates from the AIMS community college program.
- Chief will be meeting with Rist Canyon Chief next week for education and relationship building.
- Administration team has lost 2 team members recently, and even with implementation of Zoll billing program, in-house workload is too much for 2 people and training new billers takes too long. The decision was made to outsource billing to Apex Paramedics billing office effective September 1, 2024. Admin Will be interviewing for an entry level A/P clerk to assist the front office with workflow.
- Paycor is up and running, the first payroll went out this week. Still working through some set-up and time issues.
- Transport charges need to be reviewed for an increase, based on a survey of agencies in Colorado our charges are about 50% lower. One thing that makes this place special is the relationship with our community and not leaving patients or their families with a large patient balance responsibility. We are leaving money on the table by not billing insurance more to get reimbursed more. Chief would like to have more conversations with board members to optimize revenue.

News/Correspondence - None

Next Meeting:

- Regular Board – September 26, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
- **Adjourn** – Motion by Honea, second by Cecil to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m. is unanimously approved.