

Gage County EMS Advisory Committee
Beatrice, Nebraska
June 13, 2009
8:00 a.m.

Minutes

Present:

Don Harmon
Dan Hawkins
Brian Daake
Jane Witthoff
Ron Miller
Diana Durfey
Mark Meints
Matt Bauman
Larry Stanosheck
Alan Fetty

Absent:

Dawn Hill
Dennis Byars
Dee Fritch
Rex Adams
Mike Pethoud

Staff Resources:

Robyn Henderson
Dean Cole
Richard Mettler
Don Rice, MD

Guests:

Dave Battiato

Call Meeting to Order

Don Harmon called the meeting to order and asked members to introduce themselves.

Approve Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda for today's meeting and minutes of May 7, 2009, meeting; motion approved.

Physician Medical Director Report

Dr. Rice is reviewing monthly run data, trying to ensure that information is as accurate as possible. He is working with BryanLGH on EKG data exchange and other protocols.

Discussion: Structure and Inter-local Agreement (ILA)

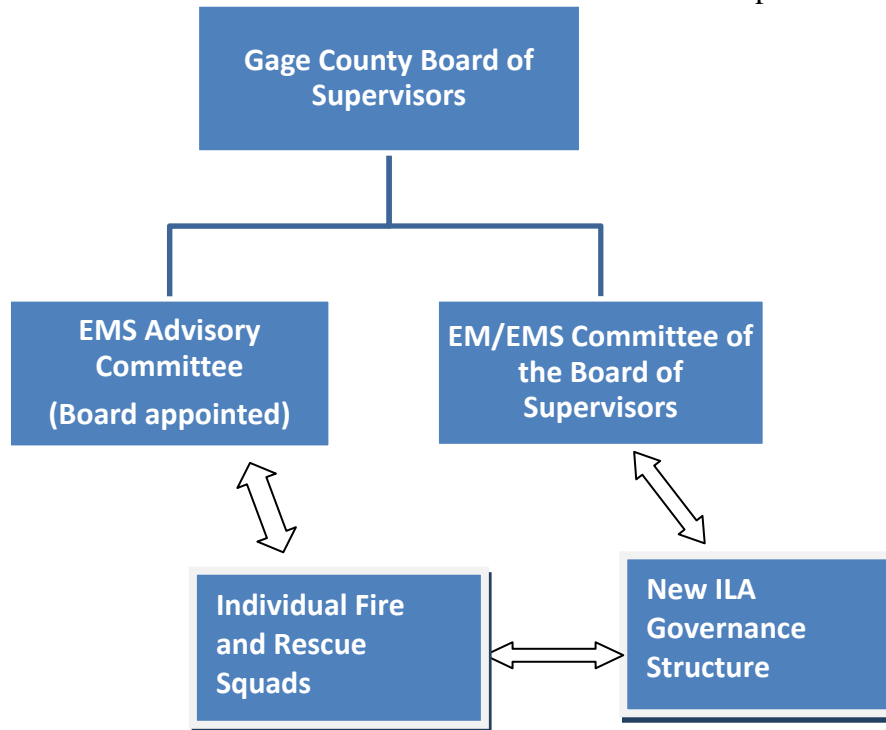
Committee agreed that this Advisory Committee's role is providing recommendations to County Board; after that it should be disbanded. The new entity that is the governing board for ILA would then be appointed.

Question: ILA agreement lays out two different boards, what is purpose for these? One is quality oversight with medical providers doing chart reviews, quality of patient care, protocols, and clinical issues, and needs to be independent of other groups. Second is an administrative group that works on all other non-medical issues such as joint purchases.

Group agreed that there needs to be accountability for ILA group.

Dr. Rice is worried about having too many people driving the EMS agenda. He would rather see a much smaller group that works at detail level. He is really concerned that consumers and other "outside" interests wouldn't understand all of the issues regarding quality and so forth. However, he agreed, the group should bring in outside experts as needed.

EMS Advisory Committee and Inter-local Agreement Board; and their relationship to the County Board and Board's EM/EMS Committee. How do all of these parts fit together?



One-year term in new agreements was an administrative decision to allow for possibility of substantial change next year due to on-going work of the EMS Advisory Committee. Discussion addressed the issue of the “subcontracts” whereby some of the services give money to other services. It was agreed that the county should have ILA with all of the services instead of allowing the pass through.

Dr. Rice’s contract is over in September. However, he is interested in staying on until things are better finalized. Matt will take to board for budgetary approval.

Don and Dave agreed to work on the ILA wording.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting dates: July 30, 2009

August 13, 2009