

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AUTHORITY – A Public Trust
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. via Video Conference
EMSA Corporate Offices**

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1417 North Lansing Avenue, Tulsa, OK

Minutes:

NOTICE AND AGENDA for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Emergency Medical Services Authority, a Public Trust, were posted April 26, 2016 at 8:04 a.m. in the offices of the City Clerk of Tulsa and with the City Clerk of Oklahoma on April 26, 2016 at 8:07 a.m., more than 24 hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Dr. Phillip Berry
Chief Bryan Wood
Mr. Phil Lakin
Ms. Jan Slater
Ms. Allison Petersen
Mr. Larry McAtee
Mr. Larry Stevens

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Dr. Jeffrey Goodloe (Excused)
Mr. Joe Hodges (Excused)
Dr. Jim Rodgers (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Williamson, EMSA
Jim Winham, EMSA
Frank Gresh, EMSA
Tracy Johnson, EMSA
Angie Lehman, EMSA
Kent Torrence, EMSA
Tina Wells, AMR
Michael Murphy, AMR
Lara O' Leary, AMR
Jim Orbison, Riggs Abney
Hannah Jackson, Schnake Turnbo
Doug Dowler, City of OKC
Jarrel Wade, Tulsa World

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 1:03 by Ms. Petersen.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Board Minutes from EMSA’s Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of April 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Williamson announced to the Board that Dr. Phillip Berry, City Physician, has been chosen by the Mayor to replace EMSA Chairman of the Board, Mr. Clay Bird. A discussion was had regarding Ms. Allison Petersen acting as Chair for the next few months—Ms. Petersen accepted the temporary assignment effective immediately.

Ms. Slater recommended that an amendment be made to the April 27, 2016 minutes regarding a comment she made during the Board governance discussion. The change was noted and incorporated.

2. Approval of Renewal of \$2,000,000 Credit Line with Prosperity Bank

Mr. Williamson stated this is a normal annual renewal; the credit line is not used and is not forecast to be used. EMSA maintains this credit line in case there is a government third payment issue at any time.

3. Approval to Adopt Updated EMSA Authority Money Purchase Pension Plan (B)

Mr. Williamson stated this is a normal request any time there is a pension law change, the bank has the Board certify the update.

Upon Motion made by Mr. Lakin and seconded by Ms. Slater, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Board minutes from EMSA’s Regular Board of Trustees meeting dated April 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., the renewal of credit line, and the updated pension plan.

AYE: Mr. Lakin, Mr. McAtee, Ms. Petersen, Ms. Slater, Mr. Stevens, Chief Wood

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Dr. Berry

ABSENT: Dr. Goodloe, Mr. Hodges, Dr. Rodgers

The Motions were passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Chairman’s Report

There is no Chairman’s Report at this time.

2. Chief Financial Officer’s Report

CFO presentation and financial reporting for March 2016 as detailed in the financial records presented at the meeting.

3. President’s Report

Mr. Williamson began his report with the Key Performance Indicators explaining what we are collecting between the two divisions (East and West). He reminded the Board that the Eastern and Western divisions’ responsibilities are two separate functions and praised Ms. Lehman for the success of the polished rotation of our revenue system.

Mr. Williamson provided an update on the Edmond hub; they will be taking possession of the keys on May 1st and the licensing applications for the DEA and Oklahoma Board of Controlled Substances have been submitted and are being processed.

Discussion was had on the Medicaid Rebalancing Act of 2020. Mr. Williamson prepared a slide presentation to help visualize the effects of the fact that Oklahoma cannot maintain their present financing of the SoonerCare system and the critical importance of this bill. This isn’t Obamacare or just an increase in the number of people on Medicaid. This is an Oklahoma plan and is drastically different. He went on to say this will have to be approved by CMS and will pay to move 175,000 people out of Medicaid, which we call SoonerCare in Oklahoma, directly into private insurance; then moving approximately 175,000 additional people at 133% of the federal poverty level into the private sector insurance.

Under the new Insure Oklahoma Plan for 175,000 uninsured Oklahoma adults, the government will use some of the funding to buy down the high deductibles that people cannot afford; premiums will be income-based; and, there will be more protection actuarially for the healthcare providers when people pay for a policy for two or three months and then quit. The savings accounts will be a little different than what we have now under the IRS in that these monies will go with the beneficiary and not the policy. Ms. Slater interjected that this is an expansion of Insure Oklahoma that has had a great deal of success and been very beneficial for the working poor. Mr. Williamson went on to emphasize the details of the proposed changes and the significance of the benefits.

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Mr. Williamson stated there is another bill to pass a \$1.50 tax on cigarettes, which will fund provider reimbursement and avert the proposed 25% provider payment cuts. He emphasized this is not a tobacco tax—this is a cigarette per pack tax and to get this done requires a supermajority of both house and Senate, which has never before been done. If that's the case, then it goes to a vote of the people. Ms. Slater commented that she thinks the cigarette tax will be the bigger hurdle as it comes straight from Oklahomans' pockets.

Mr. Williamson thanked Mr. Lakin for assisting in getting him on the Tulsa City Council agenda in order to try and get ~~this~~ the Medicaid Rebalancing Act passed via the supermajority method. Mr. Stevens commented that this subject doesn't appear to be getting a lot of media attention. Ms. Petersen inquired about our current Insure Oklahoma receipts and Mr. Williamson replied that currently transports are excluded. Ms. Petersen asked if there is anything we can do to support transport being included within the proposal and Mr. Williamson said to get the legislators involved. Mr. Lakin suggested that Mr. Williamson use his slide presentation and condense it to five or six facts to quickly get the Councilors' attention as these facts are a wake-up call saying we have to be active in helping our legislature make the right decision.

4. New Business

There is no New Business at this time.

5. Trustees' Reports

There are no Trustees' Reports at this time.

6. Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

7. Adjourn

Ms. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Julie Roberts, Assistant Secretary

Date