

TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY MEETING
February 26, 2025

Attendance Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zachary Shapiro, Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon
Executive Director Gabe Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Barbara Fisk, Les Downs,
via Zoom Kathryn Winn, Rebecca Zisch, Andrew Ringel

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION

Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:01pm by Zakk Shapiro.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with five (5) board members in attendance.
Proof of Notice	Notice was posted on Trinidad Ambulance District's website (tadems.com) and business office at 13840 Hwy 350. The notice included invitation information for attendance via ZOOM and asked the public to register on Zoom if they were interested in attending the meeting.
Adoption of Agenda	MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Joe Richards. SECOND: Zach Shapiro YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Andres DeLeon NAY: ABSTAIN: The agenda has been approved as presented.
Executive Session	EXIT MOTION was made by Joe Richards for the Board to retire into Executive Session per C.R.S.§24-6-402(4)(b) Conference with attorney regarding CIHCS service plan strategy after Board of County Commissioners denied the Health Service District service plan. SECOND: Tom Murphy YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Andres DeLeon NAY: ABSTAIN: The Board retired from Regular Session into Executive Session at 4:03pm RETURN MOTION was made by Nick Mattorano to return to Regular Session from Executive Session at 4:47pm noting that no matters were voted upon during the Executive Session. SECOND: Joe Richards YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Andres DeLeon NAY: ABSTAIN:

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The Board returned to Regular Session at 4:47pm. Those in attendance during the executive session were Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zachary Shapiro, Nick Mattorano, Andres DeLeon, Executive Director Gabriel Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Barbara Fisk, Les Downs, Kathryn Winn, Rebecca Zisch, Andrew Ringel

Retention of H&E
Attorneys at Law

MOTION to retain Andrew Ringel of Hall & Evans, Attorneys at Law, to represent TAD in an appeal of the Board of County Commissioners' reason for denial of the amended service plan presented by TAD to become a health service district was made by Tom Murphy.

SECOND: Joe Richards

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards

NAY: Andres DeLeon

ABSTAIN:

The Board will retain Andrew Ringel of Hall & Evans, Attorneys at Law, to represent TAD in its appeal of the BOCC denial of the amended service plan to a health service district.

Public Comments

None

Review Minutes

MOTION to approve the January 22, 2025 meeting minutes as presented was made by Nick Mattorano.

SECOND: Joe Richards

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Andres DeLeon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The January 22, 2025 minutes were approved as presented

Financial Statement

The January 2025 financial statements were prepared by Sue Gonzales of WSDM and presented by Chief Moreno who pointed out the following information as of January 31, 2025:

- Total Cash On Hand \$3,816,547 (TAD \$1,376,763, Enterprise \$2,439,784)
- Expenses \$199,971 (TAD \$69,274, Enterprise \$130,697)
- Net Loss \$83,109 (TAD -\$37,084, Enterprise - \$46,025)
- A/R \$133,880 + old A/R \$150
 - Reminder, no insurance payments will be received until after March awaiting patient deductibles being paid.

MOTION to accept the January 2025 financial statements as presented was made by Joe Richards.

SECOND: Andres DeLeon

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Andres DeLeon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The January 2025 financial statements were approved as presented.

Old Business

None

New Business

SALE/DONATION OF FLEET VEHICLE. The Board discussed options of selling or donating the 2009 International Ambulance VIN 1HTMNAAM19H145589 the is currently part of the fleet. Deputy Chief DeTray forwarded information he received about ambulance donations to Kenya. It was decided that the ambulance is too much of an investment to not offer locally as a donation but, if no one is interested, could be sold. This item was tabled until the March meeting to allow time to research the ambulance value.

ZOLL EXTENDED WARRANTY. Chief Moreno presented the Board with a 3 year extended warranty agreement from ZOLL for the new ventilators (3). Service includes annual service and one battery per device per year. Each ventilator cost \$30,000. The total contract price for service from 1/1/2025-12/31/2027 is \$13,851 or approximately \$1,500 per device per year. Chief Moreno would like to pay in full so has brought to the board for approval.

MOTION to purchase and pay-in-full a 3 year service agreement for the new ventilators from ZOLL was made by Joe Richards.

SECOND: Tom Murphy

YEA: Nick Mattorano, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Andres DeLeon

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Purchase of 3 year extended warranty on ventilators from ZOLL was approved.

Director's Report

Chief Moreno informed the Board that the 2025 EMS Guidelines have been released and currently in use.

939 Robinson Ave. The property is currently being advertised for sale or lease at \$5,000 per month. No developments to report.

Grants. The AFG grant is still pending. The EMTS grant was submitted for a PICCOLO device and two oxygen concentrators.

Updates.

- Jan 23 – Met with the Trinidad Police Department co-responder who will be able to conduct mental health assessments, including toxicology labs, and decide placement options. There is a holding facility in Pueblo which doesn't require placement approval. With the Health Service Plan, TAD can transport via secure vehicle (no

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- ambulance) and by pass the local hospital.
- Every Friday – Attend State EMS Advocacy Committee meeting.
- Feb 7 – Met with National EMS Attorney.
- Feb 11 – Attended Colorado Whole Blood Coalition meeting. There are currently 4 fire departments in the state operating a pilot program. Rural Colorado’s main concern is alleviating waste.
- Feb 12 – Participated in the EMS Sustainability Task Force. Our Risk Assessment form has been requested. The State may set stricter standards.
- Feb 13 – Engaged in the Inter-Facility Transport Task Force.
- Feb 17 – Attended CIHCS Advocacy meeting, HB25-1008 Advocacy Meeting (balance billing) and Health and Human Services Committee.
- Feb 18 – Attended EMS Day at the Capitol, met with state legislators in support of EMS bills.
- Feb 20 – Attended Colorado Senate Health and Human Services Committee (CIHCS Sunset) hearing.
- Feb 21-23 – Hosted annual BLS Refresher
- Feb 24 – Participated in the Colorado Prehospital Addiction Care Consortium (CPACC). The state will be providing Narcan Kits (50 to start) and training to fulfill community requests. Distribution numbers will be provided to the state.
- Feb 26 – Met with Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

Operations Report

Deputy Chief DeTray provided the following statistics for January 2025:

Calls for Service	176 (down 34 from December 2024)
On Call	0
Chief	0
Deputy Chief	0
Inter-Facility Transfers	24
IFT Not Transported	3 (1-home, 1-went POV after toned out, 1-patient turned critical during IFT so turned around at mm23 to return to MSRH)
IFT Mileage	5,100
YTD IFT Mileage	5,100

Happily, there are six out of six trucks in service. One employee is still out on Workers Compensation. Deputy Chief DeTray announced he will be receiving The Michael Vislosky Fire Starter award for leadership this Saturday, March 1st at the Wilz Trauma Symposium in Pueblo.

Miscellaneous

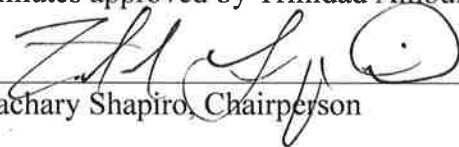
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Next Meeting The next monthly meeting will be March 26, 2025 4:00pm

Adjourn **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Tom Murphy
SECOND: Joe Richards
YEA: Nick Mattorano, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zakk Shapiro,
Andres DeLeon
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
Adjourned at 5:27pm

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors March 26, 2025.



Zachary Shapiro, Chairperson

