

Ad-Hoc Emergency Committee Meeting

April 16, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m., Eastville, Va.

Members Present: Pat Coady
Granville Hogg
Dr. Federico Molera
Dr. Ervin Jones

Members Absent: Larry LeMond
Linda Ashby
Willie Randall

Also present: Hollye Carpenter, EMS Director
Katherine H. Nunez, County Administrator
Dr. David Matson, Eastern Shore Health District
John Peterman, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital
Nancy Stern, Eastern Shore Rural Health
Greg DeYoung, Northampton Fire & Rescue Commsn.

The meeting of the Ad-Hoc Emergency Committee was convened at 3:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Dr. Molera, that the agenda be approved. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. LeMond and Mr. Randall and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Dr. Jones, that the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2015 be approved as presented. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. LeMond and Mr. Randall and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Ms. Stern provided an update on the Eastern Shore Rural Health Northampton Plan Grant. She said that this grant stipulates a \$1 million cap on construction and an 18-24 month window for completion. These two conditions led them to pass over applying for this grant.

Ms. Stern noted that they are now focused on two properties in the Eastville area and will be presenting same to their board in April or May.

In response to a question from Mr. Hogg, Ms. Stern indicated that, in order to assist ESRH, Northampton can provide monetary assistance; assistance with wastewater or water needs, or

assistance with USDA or CDBG funding. Mr. Coady said that the Joint Industrial Development Authority will be hosting Mr. Todd Christensen to talk with them and possibly Bill Shelton and a representative from USDA – Virginia Office and that this project will be discussed.

The Committee discussed ways to reduce “frequent flyer”; i.e., non-emergency trips.

Mr. Peterman provided statistics that indicated that out of the 963 total visits during 2014, 75 patients had 10 or more visits to the hospital. Four hundred sixty (460) arrived through EMS (181 from Northampton). Origination locations consisted of:

44% - Exmore	12% - Eastville
30 % - Nassawadox	7% - Cheriton
6% - Cape Charles	1% - Franktown

Ms. Carpenter said that 14 patients received 10-19 visits to the same location.

Based on these comments, Dr. Matson and Mr. Peterman indicated that the data need to be further refined.

Ms. Stern reported that ESRH received a report daily about hospital discharges. They contact the individual regarding the discharge and follow-up care. The call is made within 24 hours. When ESRH is able to reach the person, they are able to schedule 60% to a primary care visit. ESRH and Riverside share the records based on patient access approval.

Mr. Coady asked about missed appointments and lack of transportation to those appointments. It was noted that the Community Services Board and Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging have bus fleets and that those agencies could possibly be utilized to tackle this issue.

Dr. Matson provided a status report on the development of his proposal. Also, he said that the Community Healthy Report Assessment, which was completed in 2013, was led by the Health Department and involved participation by Riverside and ESRH.

Mr. Peterman mentioned that there is something called the Accountable Care Community initiative created through the Affordable Care Act although he was uncertain if there was any participation through the Riverside network. Both he and Mr. Coady will research this further.

ESRH, the Health Department and Riverside will try to develop pilot programs for the transportation issue identified above as well as a visiting nurse.

Next Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. Coady, that the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, commencing at 3:00 p.m., in the Main Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville,

Virginia. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. LeMond, and Mr. Randall and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Dr. Molera, seconded by Dr. Jones, that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. Randall and Mr. LeMond and voted "yes". The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice K. Williams
County Administrator's Office