

**Ad-Hoc Emergency Committee Meeting**

**July 23, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m., Eastville, Va.**

Members Present: Pat Coady  
Granville Hogg  
Larry LeMond  
Dr. Ervin Jones

Members Absent: Dr. Federico Molera  
Linda Ashby  
Willie Randall

Also present: Katherine H. Nunez, County Administrator  
Ron Matthews  
John Peterman  
Greg DeYoung  
Hollye Carpenter  
Dr. David Matson  
Mr. Keith Montgomery

The meeting of the Ad-Hoc Emergency Committee was convened at 3:00 p.m.

The Committee diverged from the agenda and moved to the Board Room in order to view a powerpoint presentation by Mr. Ron Matthews entitled, "Accountable Care Organization". Following this presentation, the Commission reconvened in the Main Conference Room at 3:35 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. LeMond, that the agenda be approved. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. Randall and Dr. Molera 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 June 18, 2015 be approved as presented. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. Randall and Dr. Molera and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Public Comment Period:

Mr. Keith Montgomery said that VCU runs the tele medical operation for the state prisons. He said that "First Net" (opening of two spectrums to First Responders) would hope the

community would dedicate a component for telemedicine. The Universal Service Fund has a pot of money for “trial telemedicine programs.”

#### Dr. Jones: Update on Strategic Plan Discussion & Assignments

Dr. Jones distributed a revised Strategic Plan with the updates and assignments. He said that he has been asked to serve on the non-profit Northampton County Emergency Medical Services Foundation. No objections were expressed relative to his service on same.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. LeMond, that the Strategic Plan be adopted as presented as a working document for this committee. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. Randall and Dr. Molera and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

#### Dr. Matson – Update on “Reducing Frequent Flyers Pilot”

Dr. Matson reviewed the entire handout entitled, “One Year of Ambulance Runs, Northampton County, for Assessment of Intervention Strategy to Reduce the Number of Them: July 23, 2015” with the Committee. This document is on file in the Office of the County Administrator.

It was noted that Ms. Carpenter had provided two years’ data. All ambulance runs were included in the data – no exclusions. There is a gap of data received from the volunteer companies to Northampton County’s EMS as they do not include the “insured” information.

One item that needs to be resolved is ensuring that the NC EMS Department is a qualified referral agency under the Health Care Act for purposes of insurance/Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement.

Dr. Matson noted that this program has received support from Social Services, the Community Services Board and Eastern Shore Rural Health. He would recommend tackling the top 20 flyers and then tackling the frequency tier users by 4, then 3, then 2, with concurrent evaluations. Mr. Peterson of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital indicated that either the Riverside Foundation or the hospital would be interested in funding this pilot program.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. LeMond that the Committee send a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Committee to develop a twelve-month pilot program, known as the “EMS Utilization Intervention Program”, and to develop the framework with the medical partnership (EMS, Health District, Hospital, Rural Health, CSB, Social Services) agreements as well as funding support. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. Randall and Dr. Molera. The motion was unanimously passed.

#### New Business:

Mr. Hogg commented that Ms. Linda Ashby has not attended any of the Committee meetings and that active members are needed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, commencing at 2:00 p.m., in the Main Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

Motion was made by Mr. LeMond, seconded by Dr. Jones, that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present with the exceptions of Ms. Ashby, Mr. Randall and Dr. Molera and voted "yes". The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Administrator's Office