

Minutes 10-8-20

Ambulance Enterprise Committee

3:30 pm

Town Hall Selectmen's Office

Present:

P J Panesco
Jennifer Webber
Amy J. Lane-Carmody
Kelli A. Robbins

Absent:

Charles Durfee

Meeting opened 3:30 pm

Motion to approve minutes of September 17, 2020 – so voted

1. Report provided by A. Lane
Collections update:
 - * As of July 30, 2020 there was a total of \$48,870.22 in the bank.
 - * Outstanding collectibles \$118,629.20
 - * with Action Collection Agency \$39,951.60

Discussion of funds placed in Unibank as Medicaid reimbursement that should have gone into Ambulance revenue. This will be transferred back to where it belongs. This will be updated at the next meeting.

K. Robbins asked J. Webber to provide a description of all the work the billing company does to see there could be cost savings by doing it in house or keeping it the same.

2. Write offs
Briefly discussed actions for write offs for deceased parties.
A specific account (HIPPA) that will not respond to billing company will be sent off to Action for collection.
3. Runs
Discussion of the cost of having a paramedic ride along for particular calls are balanced out when that happens because billing goes up for the service provided that encompasses the additional costs for providing the service to the patient.

P J. Pannesco provide September's emergency medical calls report

Total EMS calls:	32
Total transports to BMC	26
Patient refusals of transport	6

Breakdown of responding services: Daytime calls 6 AM to 6 PM - 23, Nighttime calls 6 PM to 6 AM - 9

LVFD	County	Action	Adams	Dalton
25	1	0	0	0

LVFD was already
Responding on an
EMS call at the time

1 call to assist
Pittsfield on an
EMS call

2 call not available

PJ pointed out that Jen did 100% of the calls for the month. The state has, during COVID allowed ambulances to run with only one EMT on board. This has allowed the ambulance to respond and run as needed. (see above statistics) K. Robbins state she would like to what it would involve to keep this standard of operations continuing.

4. MVA information from Police Department

J. Webber will reach out to the PD to set up a standard for acquiring motor vehicle insurance information for motor vehicle accidents requiring ambulance services of any form to be able to bill the insurance companies for same.

Next meeting to be November 12, 2020 at 3:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by K. Robbins, 2nd PJ Pannesco. So voted 4:20 PM.