

Meeting of the Talbot County Emergency Services Advisory Board (TCESAB)
September 26, 2018

Attendees:

Wayne Dyott - Chairman

Jack Harrald

Steve Mroczek

Brian LeCates

Richard Smith

Lois MacDonald

Debbie Timms

Wayne Dyott opened the meeting by reviewing our last meeting and it's minutes. No changes were noted in those minutes and they were accepted as prepared.

Wayne asked Brian LeCates about issues facing TCDES and what impact they will have on next years budget. Brian responded that the biggest issue on the horizon was Mobile Integrated Health (MIH). This program was piloted in Queen Anne County. It was initially targeted at "frequent flyers" and is expanding to others with chronic conditions. It uses a combination of Paramedics and Nurses going into the community to address health needs of these patients proactively. It has shown results in the reduction in the number of 911 calls from the targeted patient population. The program is expanding across Maryland and Talbot County will need to address it in the coming year. Brian reminded the Board that his department has experienced a significant increase in the number of 911 calls this year. He expressed concern about the impact on core mission without additional resources.

Debbie Timms said that interest in MIH was increasing at Shore Health. Currently nurses from Easton Memorial Hospital (EMH) are going to Queen Anne County to get their required hours of community outreach experience. Brian said he expected when Clay Stamp returns in November he will take the lead on addressing how TCDES moves into this area. Legislation expected to go before the General Assembly in 2019 will help by addressing helping create a funding stream for MIH. Today EMS cannot bill for non-transport calls. Queen Anne and others are using annual grant funding for MIH.

Debbie provided an update on the Percutaneous Cardiac Intervention (PCI) capability at EMH. Utilization has exceeded initial expectations. Currently about 40% of the patients referred are false positives. Comparisons with other hospitals are not available to judge this number. Dr Etherton stills encourages EMS to refer all suspected patients. He plans to conduct an in-service training event this fall for both career and volunteer EMS providers.

Richard Smith reported there had been no Talbot County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association meetings since the Board last met.

There was no Old Business to discuss

New Business:

Wayne asked the Board about picking a date for the annual Off-site. Initial suggestions were about the last October 24 as the last Wednesday in October is Halloween. Brian said he would check Clay's schedule and get back to the Board regarding his availability.

Next Regular date meeting is TBD

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.