

Richland County Joint Ambulance Committee:  
Strategic Planning for EMS Subcommittee

November 14, 2019

Minutes

Present: Brian McGraw, Gordon Palmer, Mary Rognholt, Glen Niemeyer; Mike Kaufman, Darin Gudgeon.  
Not Present: Bob Holets.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1905.
2. Notification of the meeting had been made and the agenda was posted.
3. Committee attendance was as noted above, with a quorum.
4. A motion was made by McGraw to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Niemeyer. The agenda was approved.
5. A motion was made by McGraw to approve the previous Subcommittee meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Niemeyer. The motion carried.
6. McGraw updated the Subcommittee on the potential CDBG funding, certain criteria need to be met to receive the funding. Initially, there were two concerning elements for the Ambulance Service to be eligible for funding to assist in purchasing a building: 1. If the purchase of an existing building was allowed and, 2. At least 51% of residents served would have to be low to moderate income (LMI). The City is more than 51% LMI, but adding in the other municipalities that are entirely covered, the Service doesn't meet the criteria. It is possible that the Service is eligible, however, due to the number of municipalities partially served, but in order to determine that, a survey would have to be conducted. There were a few avenues outside of the survey which were investigated, such as going strictly through the City, however McGraw had spoken with a representative with the DOA and determined that wasn't viable either. It was possible, though, that the City or County could apply for the CDBG funding for a different project that already has funding set aside for it and then transfer the existing funding to the Service's project. McGraw stated there was still some work to be done to know if this is a viable option. For the census survey, the only areas needing to be surveyed would be the partially served municipalities and would start with a mailing. If the mailing is not turned in, then a person would need to go door to door. The survey would consist of two questions: 1. Number of people in the household and, 2. Which income level the household falls into. The survey must be done exactly as the guidance says, and the community can be informed that the survey is taking place

but cannot try to sway any responses. At this stage, the Committee needs to determine if they want to pursue it and come up with a plan. There may be a need for a separate committee or for the Strategic Planning Subcommittee to take charge of it. At this stage, the County Board Chair and the Joint Ambulance Committee need to be informed and discuss the options. It was noted that there was value to the survey even if the LMI threshold is not reached. Niemeyer stated that he's talked to Senator Marklein, who stated he is willing to help wherever he can. This item will be taken before the Joint Ambulance Committee at the November 20 meeting.

7. The Subcommittee was informed that there was a significant delay in the requested information from The Richland Hospital being received by Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC). Also, because the source of the information from the Hospital does not bill the calls, the information received by SWWRPC does not have the coding information as is needed for study. Work is being done to remedy this, however the results of the study will not be ready to be presented as soon as was planned.
8. McGraw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rognholt. The meeting was adjourned at 1950.