

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### Joint Ambulance Committee

January 27, 2025

Members present: Brian McGraw, Cheryl Dull, Todd Stittleberg, Glen Niemeyer, Don Stanke, Gordon Palmer, Doud Duhr, Terrance Jindrick, Mary Rognholt (7:08pm), Todd Coppernoll, and Julie Fleming (7:08 pm).

Members absent: Jerome Durst, Kerry Severson, Tim Willis, Jean Nicks and Tom McCarthy.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brian McGraw at 7:00 pm.
2. The meeting was properly noticed and posted.
3. Committee attendance was as noted above.
4. A motion was made by Palmer which was seconded by Dull to approve the agenda, with a requirement that future agendas include public and EMT Delegation comment items, and Item 6, bullet point 5 2021-2024 Cost Comparisons be removed. This motion was approved unanimously.
5. Stanke made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024, JAC meeting with a correction that Durst was not in attendance. The motion was seconded by Coppernoll and approved unanimously.
6. Mike Jessen presented the director's report and reviewed the run data graphs and charts that showed a reduction of the response time from 9.26 minutes in 2023 to 7.52 minutes in 2024, and incident locations, and number of interfacility transfers during 2024. The time from receiving a call to leaving the station is 1 minute 38 seconds. It appears no participating municipality is being billed for calls to Pine Valley Care Facility, the jail, or for the county fair. Unified Solutions officially took over billing of accounts on January 19, 2025. The transition is going well. Funds in accounts 51,16 and 47 for 2024 were reviewed. Bills for 2025 MOU payments will be emailed to the participating municipalities by January 31. Only one municipality has not paid in full for 2024. The current organizational, duty crew and radio roster IDs charts were discussed. Palmer stated the organizational chart did not include a role for the JAC. Jessen explained the chart is a draft and is unapproved by the Board. There was also a discussion of why the balance in fund 51 has declined in the last several years.
7. The Draft JAC 2025 Goals and Priorities was discussed, and a revised document will be presented for approval at a future meeting.
8. An article from the Chippewa Herald was included in the materials for this meeting. The article identifies the problems EMS agencies are having across Wisconsin recruiting and retaining staff, to the point that many agencies are at risk of failing to answer calls in the coming years. We are trying to avoid this happening in Richland County, by developing good working relationships with surrounding services.
9. A motion was made by Stanke, seconded by Coppernoll to adjourn, which was approved unanimously at 8:40 p.m.