CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
March 11th, 2025

Board members present: Dr. Eric Yazel, Clark County Health Officer; Jason Werle, Norton Clark Hospital; Mark Furnish, Monroe Township Fire Department; Gavan Hebner, Clark County Emergency Management Agency Director; Shannon Watterson, Jeffersonville Retired Paramedic & Fire Fighter.

Dr. Yazel called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from January 28th, 2025 meeting pending approval.

Public Comments:

Old Business:

Current Status Update:

Dr. Yazel stated that if the City of Jeffersonville Fire Territory gets passed/ voted on, a meeting will be needed in order to discuss how to move forward with potential changes as well as supporting them and their decisions. Along with these changes the county will have to work with less funding, which in turn can result in Heartland being released from their contract. In accordance with our new safety plan, there will need to be a 120-day clause to renegotiate contracts or other options to provide EMS in Clark County.

Some of the quality concerns that have been brought to CCHD's attention can be due to Heartland not having a permanent residence and lodging for its employees. It's important to continue monitoring, looking for consistent themes, and ensuring everyone is communicating.

Safety Plan Update:

The safety plan has been updated and revised. The safety plan may be subject to change depending on future fire territory changes.

Gavan Hebner made a motion to include within safety plan the following policy: "All Emergency providers in Clark County must abide by Clark County mutual aid agreement." This may also include a fee schedule for violations. Jason Werle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The safety plan will also include required attendance at meetings, education trainings, etc. for emergency providers.

Gavan Hebner suggested including in the safety plan or contract for emergency providers in Clark County to provide coverage service during events such as Thunder over Louisville, Clark County 4-H Fair, etc.

Committee Member Reports:

Fire/Law Enforcement Reports:

EMS Provider Reports:

Heartland Ambulance Services proposed an addition to the safety plan, this includes the first right of refusal for interfacility transfers. This would give Heartland the first chance for interfacility transfers and subacute runs, unless they are unable to cover runs within a 30-minute timeframe. If 30 minutes cannot be obtained, then the run will be sent to the next available provider. Heartland Ambulance Service will also provide additional ambulances to have appropriate coverage and flex them into 911 operations as needed.

Gavan Hebner made a motion to table proposal presented from Heartland Ambulance Services to have first right of refusal in Clark County, awaiting fire territory discussions. Shannon Watterson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Werle reported Norton's EMS rooms protocols are being enhanced as well as stocking them as needed.

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Mike Ross reported ambulance inspections will begin, as well as some runs to ensure equipment is fully functional.

New Business:

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held at the Clark County Health Department on April 22nd, 2025 at 1pm.

Adjourn:

Gavan Hebner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shannon Watterson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 4:54 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 22nd, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Eric Yazel,
EMS Subcommittee President