



08 July 2025

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD 08 JULY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

EMSAB Members:      Dave Chenault                      Laura Gifford                      Chris Jacks                      Mike Larson  
                                 Victoria Johnson                      Jennifer Grinage                      Serena Tschirgi

EMSAB July 8, 2025, quarterly meeting called to order at 12:08 p.m. EMSAB members in attendance L. Gifford, V. Johnson, C. Jacks, M. Larson absent D. Chenault, Jennifer Grinage, Serena Tschirgi. Also present were Staff Liaison Greg Rightmier, City Council representative Kasee Forsmann, LFD Admin Assistant Danel Arnzen and Stephanie Sobol, who took notes.

### Consent Agenda:

- Mike Larson made a motion to approve the 04/15/2025 minutes; Chris Jacks had a correction for the minutes, he was in attendance for the 4/15/2025 meeting though the minutes did not reflect his presence. With the correction accepted, the motion was seconded by Chris Jacks and approved by the board

### Unfinished & New Business:

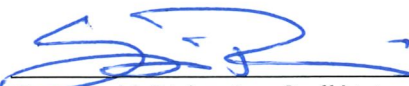
- Fire Chief Rightmier provided the following updates and data to the board:
  - Updates regarding Ambulance Billing
    - HCA Cards are now accepted for payment, the outside contractor hired to help diminish the Medicaid backlog was successful, data entry for Ambulance billing has been brought up to mid-May
  - Updates regarding staffing and educational opportunities:
    - 6 new paramedics will be active shortly, 6 new reserve trainees will be completing their training requirements bringing the total of active reserves to 17. ISU Paramedic Program will start at LCSC in September. There are 3 students from Lewiston Fire Department enrolled
  - EMSAVE Grant for 3 new vents was not approved
- GEMT Update:
  - Current Idaho timeline will be a 3-year lag from cost report to payment
- ID EMS Division Changes:
  - ID EMS Division was moved under the umbrella Dept of Military, State EMS Director Group is now gone, the EMS Advisory group is still operational
- Service Contract Updates:
  - Contracts that are up for renewal have been revised to include current operating expenses and are pending approval; these include Nez Perce, Asotin County, Asotin County Fire District


Rules & Regulations:

- Fire Chief Rightmier suggested future items to consider and address at a future meeting:
  - Rules for patient safety and unauthorized agency transport
  - System design review and strategic planning – What should EMS in the valley look like?
  - Continual training & education for EMS personnel
  - Quality Assurance & Quality Improvement — What standards does the committee require?

Adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

**NEXT EMSAB MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 AT 12:00 PM  
IN THE STATION I TRAINING ROOM**

Submitted by:  7/29/25  
Gregory V. Rightmier, Staff Liaison Date

 7/29/2025  
Stephanie Sobol, Recording Secretary Date

GVR: da

c: Tanya Brocke, City Clerk  
Dan Johnson, Mayor  
Kassee Forsmann, Council Liaison  
Jennifer Tengono, City Attorney