

TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY MEETING **March 25, 2026**

Attendance: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Chief Moreno, Deputy Chief DeTray, Barbara Fisk, Lts. Liz Romero and Angelina Bacharach, Rebecca Zisch of Collins Cole Winn Ulmer

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:36pm by Zachary Shapiro.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with four (4) board members in attendance.
Adoption of Agenda	<p>MOTION adopt the agenda was made by Audra Garrett. SECOND: Tom Murphy YEA: Zachary Shapiro Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett NAY: ABSTAIN: The agenda adopted as amended.</p>
Review Minutes	<p>A grammatical amendment was requested on page 8, Section Review By-Laws, sentence one; eliminate redundancy. MOTION to approve the February 25, 2026 meeting minutes as amended was made by Audra Garrett. SECOND: Tom Murphy YEA: Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett NAY: ABSTAIN: Zachary Shapiro The February 25, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.</p>
Director & Operations Reports	<p>Chief Moreno provided documentation of the many meetings he attended during the month of February and March. He also reviewed Colorado and National headlines relating to ambulance crashes, service closures, assaults on service providers, staffing shortages and overall funding challenges. Also noted were the following documentaries: <i>Into the Unknown</i> (Paramedic Documentary) , <i>Honorable But Broken: EMS in Crisis</i> (System Awareness Documentary), and <i>Code 3</i> (Feature Film Highlighting EMS Life)</p> <p><u>Financial Overview</u> General Fund \$2,108,585.15 Enterprise Fund \$1,867,408.41 Total Cash on Hand \$3,925,670.47</p>

TAD Net Income \$216,000
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YTD Net Income \$350,000

2026 February Billing Performance

Total EMS Trips (not calls for svc)	105
Gross Charges	\$290,028
Average Charge/Trip	\$2,762
Collections	\$0
Cash/Trip	\$0
Net Collections Rate	0%

Medical Direction. Dr. Becker was here and provided ALS refresher instruction.

939 Robinson. Tenant has switched utilities into their name. Rent receipt is late but getting better.

Grants. AFG is still pending. **EMTS (CDPHE) Grants** FY2026 is pending reimbursement; all purchases complete. Documents have been submitted to the state. FY2027 RETAC review went well. SEMTAC review is scheduled for April 1st. **OeHI Grant** is in progress. The first payment in the amount of \$230,000 has been received. Efforts continue to establish Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedic contracts and contacts. The next payment, \$115,000 is due in April.

Whole Blood Initiative. Chief Moreno is working with Dr. Branney and the Whole Blood Coalition to possibly establish TAD as manager of the south region program/grant. Blood To Go is a backup plan but would require grant funds to cover the estimated \$45,800 program.

Secure Transports. Rocky Mountain Health Plans reached out to partner with TAD to provide secure transports. Negotiations are in progress.

Legislative Updates. The Treatment-In-Place Bill, HB26-1096 passed the House on the third reading 62-0. It was introduced in the Senate and assigned to Health and Human Services on March 12, 2026. House Bill HB26-1238 Designating Emergency Medical Services as Essential passed the House on the third reading 63-0. It, too, has been introduced in the Senate and assigned to Health and Human Services on March 17, 2026. At the federal level, a House bill was introduced to extend Medicare ambulance add-ons through 2027. Congressional Workforce bill would provide funds for recruiting and training of EMTs and Paramedics. The federal

Treatment-In-Place bill remains a major EMS reimbursement priority requiring Medicare to reimburse EMS for medically necessary on-scene care even when the patient is not transported. A new DEA rule adds controlled-substance compliance requirements for EMS agencies.

Rural Health Initiative Funds. No information has yet been released but is expected mid-April.

Deputy Chief DeTray narrated a Power Point Presentation with graphs to share data and information on the Operations Report.

Transport statistics on services provided for the month of January 2026.

Calls for Service	149(down 48 from Jan. 2026)
On Call	1 w/transport
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	0
Inter-Facility Transfers	20 (down 15 from Jan. 2026)
Transports Delayed	1 – high wind
IFT Not Transported	1 went Privately Owned Vehicle
IFT Miles	5,947
YTD IFT Miles	5,947
YTD IFT Transports	55
Secure Transports	4

Staffing. One part-time (PRN) BLS provider has been hired.

Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedic Program. The District is working toward a contract with Health Solutions to assist as part of a Crisis Response Team. Contract negotiations with Rocky Mountain Health Plans continue. The contract would include the cost of two full-time (FTE) Community Paramedics.

Naloxone Project. Negotiations continue with representatives of the Naloxone Project to partner in a four-year grant.

Financial Symposium. Chief and Deputy Chief DeTray will be attending the Financial & Safety Summit in April. Deputy Chief DeTray will be speaking, the same week, at the North West RETAC Leadership Conference.

Six of six vehicles are in service although the air conditioning isn't working on one.

Unfinished Business

Public Perception Campaign. After reviewing the February minutes, Zachary Shapiro was grateful to learn that grant funds can be used to facilitate a community awareness campaign.

45 Day Notice for Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine.

Collins, Cole, Winn, Ulmer (CCWU) provided a 45 Day Notice for MIH and CP Services and descriptive memo. The Notice would be published in The Chronicle News with copies sent to the District Court and the Board of County Commissioners. If the 45 days pass without an objection, the District can commence providing Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedic services. The day count is calendar days and begins April 3, 2026. If an action is filed to enjoin the proposed services, implementation may need to be delayed until the matter is resolved. Legal representative for CCWU Rebecca Zisch was available to answer questions of the Board.

MOTION to move forward with publication and mailings of the 45 Day Notice for Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine as noted above and in the memo was made by Joe Richards.

SECOND: Tom Murphy

YEA: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Collin, Cole, Winn, Ulmer will have the 45 Day Notice published in the Chronicle News and mail copies to the District Court and Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners.

Public Comments

None.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn was made by Audra Garrett.

SECOND: Joe Richards

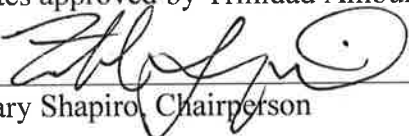
YEA: Zachary Shapiro Joe Richards, Tom Murphy Audra Garrett

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors April 22, 2026.



Zachary Shapiro, Chairperson