

**Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority Board
Special Meeting
June 21, 2019**

Call to Order (Agenda 1):

The special meeting of the NIESA Board was called to order by the Chairperson Frans Wilbrink, on June 21, 2019, beginning at 7:00 pm in the NIESA/ Williamston Fire Station, 1296 W Grand River, Williamston, MI 48895.

Roll Call (Agenda 2):

Voting Members Present: Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Weiss, Mrs. Hart, Ms. Bidigare, Mr. Diederich, Mr. Kane, Mr. Wilbrink.

Voting Members Absent: None

Non-Voting Members Present: None

NIESA Employees Present: Director Michael Yanz, Paula Curtis

Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance (Agenda 3):

Chairperson Wilbrink led the NIESA Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda (Agenda 4):

Motion by Mr. Kane to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Yays- 7 Nays-0 Absent-0 Motion carried.

Public Comment (Agenda 5):

None at this time.

Billing- Medicare Compliance (Agenda 6a):

Chief Yanz provided the Board with information regarding a new pilot program being implemented by CMS (Medicare). The program will pay EMS companies for transporting patients to a Ready Care, and also for evaluations within the home in which individuals are not taken to the hospital.

NIESA will need to apply for the pilot program. To be accepted we have to be Medicare compliant and have a Medicare audit of our billing practices. There are concerns that NIESA's current billing practices are not in compliance with Medicare.

The Board was presented with a synopsis of; the Chief's concerns regarding the billing department; the consequences of being out of compliance with Medicare; various options to address and rectify the situation; options allowing the retainment of the current billing staff; and the Chief's recommendation on which course of action to pursue.

Adjournment (Agenda 8):

Motion by Mrs. Hart to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Yays- 7 Nays- 0 Absent- 0

Respectfully submitted,

R. Scott Diederich, Secretary