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Serving the Blue Hill Peninsula and Beyond

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We have come to a point where state and federal support for delivery of health care is under scrutiny for what may be deemed excessive costs. It is not our place to make sweeping judgements about whether those costs are justified as state and federal burdens, but we do know how keenly they can affect people from the peninsula that we serve...and how cuts in funding are likely to affect PAC's compensation for services rendered.

At present, PAC is paid about 60% of the amount that we bill to Medicare, our largest Payor. In order to maintain a balanced budget, PAC depends on additional per capita support from the seven towns we serve and donations from the general population of those towns as well.

Small rural ambulance services like PAC depend on solid governmental support to survive. Necessary equipment is ever more sophisticated and truly remarkable in what it can do. And often remarkable in what it costs.

All this is background for our ongoing effort to pay our staff a living wage... commensurate with the responsibility and skills that they exercise on every call... and to limit the risk of personal injury in that service.

We put a great deal of effort into improving work conditions as well as wages. Virtually all PAC responses involve lifting a patient, sometimes one of considerable weight and from difficult locations. About 5% of our calls are for lifts only...people who have fallen and can't get up. Some lifts are of patients weighing as much as 500 pounds. It can be difficult to simply get enough hands around the patient to accomplish the lift

Our current plan is to acquire lifting appliances that are maneuvered under the patient to give the responders handles to grip alongside the center of weight of the patient. One device for each ambulance. Simple... Reasonable cost.

However, these devices are dramatically limited in effectiveness as patient weight increases. Risk of injury to the responders and the patient increase

as well. Our research suggests a device made by MANGAR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED which would cost about \$3000 to \$4000 with units available from 420 to 700 pounds capacity.

These units are electric with battery power... portable and manageable by the ambulance crew without additional assistance. A heavy investment? Arguably so, but a single back injury to a crew member can cost that and more. These units would also mean dramatically fewer requests for help from fire department personnel for lift assistance.

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Fellow citizens of this Peninsula:

I am honored to be a part of the Peninsula Ambulance Corps and the benefit that it brings to us. I am no less honored to live among people that have become a part of the financial backbone of PAC with their individual and generous support. It simply feels good, in a world fraught with controversy, to feel that warmth of spirit mix with all this spring rain.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bob Vaughan".

Robert Vaughan, President  
Peninsula Ambulance Corp.



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