

Region 6 EMS

Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021

Today's meeting was called to order at 1305 hours. Secondary to the COVID-19 restraints the meeting is a Zoom meeting.

Board members present: **K. Yoakum, D. Bruner, T. Modesitt, C. Harrison, R. Reissig, M. Burnett, R. Long, J. Wilhelms, R. Grimmett, J. Clatt, D. Mogle**

Absent members: **D. Cowan R. Pace,**

Guests: Michelle Wolf-Freeman Health, Sharlyn Splean- Freeman Stroke Coord, Joe House- KSBEMS Director, Craig Isom- Med-Trans Program Director South Div., Rita Stiles-Mercy Joplin

Agenda: The agenda was presented. A motion was heard for approval of the agenda by Mr. Reissig and a second by Mr. Mogle. Unanimous vote was heard.

Minutes of the January 2021 meeting were presented. A motion from Mrs. Clatt to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Reissig. All voted in approval.

Financial Report: Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$19,104.32 and the General funds \$34,629.13

KS BEMS: Joe House- Director reported that several legislative initiatives are in process. BEMS met in April and approved the recommendations from the KRAF Grant process. Awardees should proceed with ordering. The legislature returns to the capital on Monday to finalize bills and such. A plan to have a KEMSIS users meeting in July near the Junction City area are in motion.

Allied Business & Committee Reports:

KRAF Grant: Several regional services were recipients of grant funds.

Homeland Security: Mr. Burnett related all vests and helmets from the project are in and will be distributed to the region services soon. Ballistic vests are to be utilized by EMS units responding to confirmed and potential hazards.

Regional Trauma Council:

EDTF: Two meetings have been held revolving around the topic of IC certification. Dr. Foat revealed statistics in some research he did with states that both had IC structured training and those that did not. He correlated this to successful NREMT cognitive pass rates. There seemed to no correlation between having a formal IC training program (State specific) and pass rates at the NREMT cognitive level. States that focus on the sponsoring organizations being responsible to assure quality instructors did just as well. A short discussion was also heard when Ms. Kaufman asked if sonography in EMS was being done or contemplated. Miami County EMS is currently formulating a potential program to use this technology in the field as a pilot program.

MERGE: Mr. Bruner invited Brandon Beck, the current commander of MERGe to join our meeting which was on April 20th, but due to the technical difficulties this did not occur. He was unavailable today. Mr. Bruer related that the team is meeting monthly right now to get re-organized and back up to operational readiness. He will attempt to get Mr. Beck to join us at the July meeting.

EMS-C: Ms. Nichols was unable to join us but sent an update. The e-mail was forwarded to all. Mr. Yoakum presented the gist of the e-mail.

KAMS: No report

STEMI: Michelle Wolf related that Freeman is reaching out to area providers in an effort to improve their door to therapy times when transport is being delayed to consider thrombolytic therapy within the therapeutic window. This should improve the statistics and possibly influence outcomes. Rita Stiles of Mercy did not provide a report.

Stroke: Sharlyn Splean provided a report

CISM: Travis reported that they have 8 members and recently had their first face-face meeting in a while. They are preparing to make some impromptu visits to provide agencies with information about their mission and contact information. He requested an appropriation of \$500 for Team shirts and further pamphlet productions. A motion was heard from Travis to approve the expenditure. A second was heard from Mr. Reissig to approve the expenditure. A vote of approval was heard by all.

New Business:

April Elections: Five seats are up for election this year. Mr., Mogle, Mr. Long, Ms. Harrison, Mr. Reissig and Mr. Bruner are up for election this year. Each one was in attendance and asked about their intent to maintain their seat. All of them expressed interest in keeping their position. Mr. Yoakum asked for further nominations and heard none. Mr. Burnett made a motion to retain the current people in their seats and a second was heard from Mrs. Clatt. A vote of all in favor was heard from the Board.

Service Reports:

Regional Vaccinations: It has been discovered that the vaccination process for EMS providers varies by location. Information regarding vaccines has been convoluted with the mainstream media, social media and other resources. Some providers are making decisions based on here say, conspiracies and plain mis-information. Is there a need for a clearing house of information by the Region to help educate providers? Attendee's were somewhat undecided about the issue. Mr. Mogle would be interested to hear information and provide it to his staff so that they may be truly informed. We will table this for now.

KEMSA Last Blast of Summer conference: This face to face conference is being planned to go in August. Historically the Region has offered 5 scholarships for the full registration and three nights at the hotel. Typically there is approx. and expenditure of \$2200 for this. Discussion was heard of a positive nature that conferences can be a motivational tool for staff. A motion of approval was heard from Jennifer Clatt and a second from Mr. Bruner. All approved the motion.

Additional discussion included providing a similar package for the MEMSA conference in Missouri also in August. 4 scholarships to include the registration and three nights lodging will be set forth. A motion was heard from Mr. Yoakum and a second from Mr. Grimmatt. All approved.

A motion to adjourn was heard from Burnett and a second from Reissig at 14:10.