

## Region 6 EMS

### Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024

Today's meeting was called to order at 1305 hours and is virtual on Zoom and in person at Elk County EMS, Howard, Ks. .

Board members present: **K. Yoakum, R. Reissig, R. Long, R. Grimmett, J. Clatt, D. Cowan, Stacey Robertson, J. Wilhelms, D. Bruner(left for call)**

Absent members:, **C. Harrison, D. Mogle, T. Modesitt**

**Guests:** *Sharell Questell-Mercy, Chris Mattes-Mercy, Jessica Baker-EMS-C, Michelle Grayson- Kansas Regional Trauma Council, Teri Hulsey-BBCO EMS, Ken Mitchell, Director-ECEMS, Cari Cavender, Director-WCEMS, Crystal Taylor, CFN-EagleMed, Michelle Wolf, STEMI Coord.- Freeman*

**Agenda:** The agenda was presented. A motion was heard for approval of the agenda by Mrs. Clatt and a second by Mr. Wilhelms. Unanimous vote was heard.

**Minutes** of the January 2024 meeting were presented. A motion from Mr. Wilhelms to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Long. All voted in approval.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$33,808.99 and the General funds \$ 36,377.16 .

**Old Business:** Kenny e-mailed a draft of a proposed plan for scholarships of education opportunities for potential technicians within the Region. Discussion was heard as to the merits and omissions. Some concern was heard that there was a potential of the awardee's having funding from the EIG program and this one. A motion from J. Wilhelms to approve the Education Scholarship Program as presented. A second was heard from R. Reissig. All approved and heard no opposed.

#### **Allied Business & Committee Reports:**

**KRAF Grant:** The grant committee met on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The BEMS approved the list as presented and letters are being sent out now. 100% funding by the state will not be allowed from here out.

**Homeland Security:** Continued discussion from the group centers around encryption of radio systems for LEO.

**Regional Trauma Council:** SEKRTC Trauma symposium is in April at Labette Health. There is a need to replace the EMS representative on the Committee.

**EDTF:** No meetings have been held to our knowledge.

**MERGE:** No report

**EMS-C:** Provided update on upcoming opportunities and contact information. Jessica Baker, EMS-C is the contact and her information has been forwarded to the Board through an e-mail.

**BEMS Update:** Two more services requested variances for single staffing for hardships in staffing. Seven services are utilizing this and being monitored for how it is progressing. BEMS approved the AEMT portfolio process to replace the practical exam following the NREMT example. March 01 was the deadline to report corrective measures for a below 70% pass rate at the EMT level for the NREMT cognitive exam. BEMS EETC was considering punitive measures for the 38 Sponsoring Organizations that did not meet the deadline. Consensus was that there was no notification on the BEMS part as well that in 2024 there would be only a reminder sent to become compliant to those entities. Next year it was proposed to move the deadline to April 30 when the SO applications are due and perhaps put a trigger on it to require this if below 70% for the calendar year. This work will be continued at the June BEMS meeting.

**STEMI:** Michelle had nothing new to report. She did relate that Elizabeth Wright is the new Trauma Coordinator at Freeman. Christine Hoag-Apel is retiring.

**Stroke:** No Report

**CISM:** Scheduled meeting May 01. No call outs since January.

**New Business:**

**Elections:** Current seats open for election: Long, Bruner, Harrison, Reissig, Mogle and a vacated seat. Discussions included asking those in attendance if they would continue. Mr. Long and Reissig agreed to continue. Mr. Cowan nominated Aaron Cook, Mr. Wilhelms nominated Casey Goff and Mr. Yoakum (proxy for Mr. Bruner) nominated Teri Hulseley.

A motion from Mr. Wilhelms to accept the three nominations and the three incumbents of Mr. Long, Reissig and Bruner. A second was heard from Mr. Reissig. A vote of approval was heard by all and no opposed.

**Service reports were heard.**

**Next Meeting in Parsons at LB EMS 1902 S. US 59 HWY Parsons, Ks. @ 1300**

A motion to adjourn was heard from Mr. Long and a second from Mr. Yoakum at 14:00.