

Region 6 EMS

Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2018

Today's meeting was called to order at 1307 hours by Chairman Rod Pace.

Board members present: **K. Yoakum, R. Pace, D. Bruner, T. Modesitt, C. Mattes, J. Reed, J. Wilhelms, R. Grimmatt, D. Cowan, M. Burnett**

Absent members: *C. Harrison, D. Hall, D. Bruner*

Guests: Joe House-Exec. Director KSBEMS, Trace Hallack- Director, Chief Tim Thyer, Sue Manning, R. McDaniel, W. Diaz-Director

Agenda: The agenda was presented by Chairman Pace. A motion was heard for approval of the agenda by Mr. Modesitt and a second by Mr. Mattes. Unanimous vote was heard.

Minutes of the January 2018 meeting were presented at the meeting. A motion from Mr. Long to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Reed. All voted in approval.

Financial Report: Mr. Bruner reported the balances (via e-mail) for the Education account \$4,769.61 and the General funds \$39,270.26.

Allied Business & Committee Projects

DMSU: The agenda reflected that there would be an announcement of quarterly training dates. Mr. Yoakum expressed difficulty in meeting quarterly and suggested bi-annual dates. He will set those dates and e-mail them to the board.

KRAF Grant: Mr. Yoakum reported that there were 7 grant applications from Region 6 EMS agencies. 5 of the seven projects should be funded pending appropriations are as projected. No power cots were funded this year. One stair chair, one mechanical CPR device and 3 ECG monitor projects will be potentially funded. Mr. Pace expressed that the emphasis next year should be more focused on patient handling equipment and specifically cot's.

Homeland Security Committee: Mr. Burnett advised there are no new projects for the 2018 calendar. The committee is finishing work on current projects. Mr. Burnett is considering a proposal for ballistic vests for active EMS personnel within the region as a project for 2019.

SEK Regional Trauma Committee: No report as Ms. Harrison is absent. Mr. Mattes commented on a meeting and CE's on Thursday in Chanute in which Fred Rhinne will conduct a tabletop exercise and Dr. Sheppard will present several topics for continuing education.

EDTF: Nothing new to report. The last meeting of the task force was a face to face meeting in Hutchison in March with discussion on the practical exam for EMT. Mr. Yoakum was unable to attend.

EMS-C: No report

Kansas BEMS Update:

Mr. House was present and provided information on several topics.

Nest week there is a formal Proclamation by the Governor ceremony for EMS week in May. There is an open invitation to attend the meeting and participate in the festivities.

The Board of EMS is considering different approaches to the issue of oversight of “non-affiliated or non-transporting” medical response agencies. Survey questions are populated in the annual license renewal package to better understand the scope of the issue.

The Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) is suggesting a combined medication list for all levels of EMS attendants and seeking comment. The list is posted on the KSBEMS website along with methods for comment.

There is some discussion also to draft a set of “Standard of Care minimums” documents to set a baseline of minimum standards of which all EMS care providers would be required to meet. As of right now this is still in the discussion phase.

Legislation appears to be on path to pass which will require EMS providers to mandatorily report elder abuse.

Congress recently enacted an extension of the Medicare re-imburement rates for EMS. This is scheduled to be enacted for the next 5 years. EMS should not rest on its laurels though as this will become an issue much sooner and a longer time frame for approval is expected.

DUI laws in Kansas are changing. If you are not familiar with the changes, monitor them closely. Best advice, if asked to perform a blood draw and authorized by scope of practice and protocol do it. EMS is not allowed or required to seek consent by the donor.

Medicaid: this is a topic of intense debate. A few fire service champions are lobbying for some available \$\$\$ which EMS is attempting to access. The debate continues at high levels and hopefully a resolution is in the near future.

Education Incentive Grant (EIG): KSBEMS is seeing some increase in defaults of contracts for these funds and thus is having funds returned. A plan to assist identified low income or military families in obtaining certification is in the works to utilize these funds.

KSBEMS Staff has seen some instances of diversion of medications and tracking issues recently. In dealing with the issue they have discovered there is a representative from the FDA willing to analyze practices and offer advice on how to improve tracking of both schedule 2 and other medications for accuracy. Contact the BEMS for further information on contacting them.

Sub-Committee Reports: No Reports

Old Business:

Guardians of the Heart: 703 Registrations were noted this year. Overall the conference was a huge success. One minor issue with the continuing education credits was noted but was handled quickly. Growing pains were the primary reason for this and next year is anticipated to be another great offering.

All Regions Meeting: No further correspondence has been received about re-scheduling of this.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM): Sept. 10-12, 2018 has been scheduled for a symposium on how to recognize stress and appropriately manage it among Emergency Services staff all natures. It will be held at Downstream Casino. Room blocks are being set up at special rates. Details will be announced soon.

New Business

Mr. Pace has been in collaboration recently with a potential grant possibility. In conjunction with an American Heart Association representative potential grant funder has been indentified to possibly provide cardiac monitor/defibrillators which were capable to transmit ECG's and data to receiving facilities in the region. This would potentially benefit all EMS agencies in the region with enhanced capabilities. This project is moving very swiftly and could see fruition within the next 90 days. Data is being gathered now from all services.

Mr. Pace also solicited the group as to whether to consider hosting a Medical Directors Dinner again this year. Timing would be imperative so as to not disrupt other organizations preparing similar plans. September or October would be appropriate times. Suggestion was made that perhaps Claythorn Lodge would be an appropriate venue with perhaps some enhanced opportunities for engagement by expanding the time to include activities inherent to the venue. Further organization of the event will continue with a possible formal proposal at the July meeting.

Nominations for Board Members:

Current members were asked if they wished to continue to serve and it was noted that Mr. Bruner, Ms. Harrison and Mr. Mattes continue to have interest in service within their current roles. Mr. Hall expressed that he cannot serve at this time. The floor was open for nominations to the ballot.

Richie Reisig was nominated by Mr. Hallack, Randy McDaniel was nominated by Mr. Wilhelms and Wilfredo Blanco-Diaz was nominated by Mr. Pace.

Deadline for nominations was set for June 01, 2018 by submitting to Mr. Yoakum at supervisor@crems.org Ballots will be drafted at that time and elections will be held at the beginning of the July meeting.

A motion was heard from Mr. Long to close the meeting and a second was heard of Mr. Mattes. All voted in favor at 1600 hrs.