

## Region 6 EMS

### Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2020

Today's meeting was called to order at 0901 hours by Chair Rod Pace.

Board members present: **K. Yoakum, D. Bruner, R. Grimmett, C. Harrison, R. Pace, J. Wilhelms, R. Long, R. Reissig, T. Modesitt, D. Cowan,**

Absent members: **M. Burnett, C. Mattes, J. Reed**

*Guests: Tracey Michelle Wolf-Freeman Health, Sharlyn Splean- Freeman Stroke Coordinator, Robin Welch-Midwest Aero-Care, Randy McDaniel, Rita Stiles – Mercy Joplin Stroke Coordinator, Jenifer Clatt- Elk County EMS*

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

Minutes of the July 2019 meeting were presented at the meeting. A motion from Mr. Long to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Cowan. All voted in approval.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$12,558.17 and the General funds \$28,993.59. Outstanding bills are ones for the PR materials (\$1,700 ish) and GOTH (\$12,500).

**Kansas Board of EMS Update:** No representative. No report

#### **Allied Business & Committee Projects**

**STEMI/Stoke QI:** Ms. Wolfe and Mrs. Spleen reported they are going to be conducting STEMI surveys at their facility as well as Mercy Joplin in late February. They also asked that feedback from cases be relayed to the technicians involved in the cases. They still have tech's that state they did not receive the information.

**KRAF Grant:** Mr. Yoakum reported the application period ended Jan. 01, 2020. He noted knowing of a few regional projects that applied. He reported the process is now in the review stage with KSBEMS for complete applications. The list will be compiled of all the applications and sent to the committee members to review before the meeting in late February or early March. At the meeting all the applications will be reviewed and placed into a recommendation for funding to be forwarded to the full Board of EMS for approval or revising.

**Homeland Security Committee:** Mr. Burnett asked Mr. Yoakum to relay that the EMS proposal for ballistic vest will anticipates first delivery of vests later this year. Mr. Modesitt also reported the initial project funding has seen substantial changes in allocations of funds with assurances that these will be replaced.

**SEK Regional Trauma Committee:** Ms. Harrison noted that a meeting of the SEK RTC would be held this afternoon. She noted that the committee seemed favorable to supporting more PHTLS education in the region. She was asked to see about the climate for sponsoring a PHTLS Instructor course also.

**EDTF:** No report at this time

**MERGE:** Mr. Bruner reports that the group seems to be settling into the adjustments in staffing that occurred recently. With that said, he will look into inviting the Chairman to the April meeting to discuss continuing participation in activities.

**KISS:** No major changes in operations within this group. Boot camps are still either scheduled or in planning stages around the state and region for EMS and Critical Access facilities.

**EMS-C:** A new director has been appointed but specifics were not available at the moment.

**Kan-AMTs:** This group is currently developing guidelines for appropriate use of aero-medical services to distribute along with landing zone safety. They are also considering balanced billing practices and their application in the industry.

#### **Committee Notes:**

**Finance:** Committee members appointed include: Mr. Burnett, Mr. Cowan and Mr. Bruner

**CISM:** A sub-committee for this has been developed and the appointee's are Mr. Modesitt, Mr. Burnett and one other member to be determined. Mr. Modesitt reported they now have established with a facility to refer people to. He reports they have 5 members on the roster. They have drafted brochures and will soon be performing introductory meetings around the region. A motion to allow up to \$300 for members to purchase cookies or such to present was heard from Mr. Cowan. A second by Mr. Long and a unanimous vote was heard for approval. Mr. Modesitt also noted that Mr. Paul Tabor would be presenting a course at Labette Health in February and he had flyers. If interested, contact Mr. Modesitt at Labette Health.

**GOTH Update:** the agenda was released late last week and will be finalized soon. 58 hrs of continuing education are available this year including nationally recognized speakers, regional speakers and ASLS renewal as well as the Active Shooter interactive scenarios. Mr. Wilhelms put forth a motion to increase the number of rooms we were going to offer for regional providers. After some discussion the motion was allowed to die and no action was taken.

**Facebook page:** Courtney and Richie are assuming the administrators roles of the group page on facebook. It is anticipated the Mr. Reed might be moving on to other opportunities in the near future.

**QA/QI:** Mr. Pace has broadcast some sample data for this process in the area of stroke care within the Region as compared to the remainder of the state as a whole. In some measures we are good and some areas exist for improvements.

## **New Business**

**Elections:** 2020 elections will be held in April as dictated by the bylaws. Those up for election this year are:

Mr. Wilhelms, Mr. Grimmett, Mr. Modesitt, Mr. Burnett and Mr. Long. There is also vacancies from Mr. Mattes' resignation (January 2020) and an anticipated vacancy by Mr. Reed soon.

If anyone is interested in serving on the Board please come to the meeting in April and/or submit your interest to a Board member.

**KEMSA Exam workshop:** Recently Mr. Yoakum was contacted by a member of the Educators society about seeking assistance in arranging a Exam workshop for stakeholders in EMT certification practical exams. Mr. Yoakum presented the idea to the board. Discussion seemed to center around the fact that the current exam has been being utilized for the last 18 + months and that a trial and error period has allowed many to become familiar with the process and the workshop may be poorly attended and somewhat pointless. The group seemed disinterested in attempting to further this proposal. No action was taken.

No public comment was brought forth before the Board.

The next meeting will be at Neosho Memorial EMS in Erie Ks on April 21, 2020 at 09:30 hrs.

A motion of adjournment was heard from Mr. Long and a second by Mr. Bruner. All were in favor at 11:35.