

## Region 6 EMS

### Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2020

Today's meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by Mr. Pace. The meeting was held via Skype and phone conference.

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

Absent members: **M. Burnett, D. Bruner**

*Guests: Michelle Wolf - Freeman Health, Rita Stiles- Mercy Hospital, Brittney Nichols – EMSC, Doug Mogle Cherokee Co. EMS*

Agenda: The agenda was presented. A motion to approve was heard from Mr. Grimmett and a second from Mr. Reissig. All in favor

Minutes of the April 2020 meeting were presented via e-mail. A motion from Courtney to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Richie. All voted in approval.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Bruner unable to attend.

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

**KRAF Grant:** Mr. Yoakum reported that to his knowledge the KRAF Grant was not able to meet it's goal of funding all the projects in this years recommendation. It is believed the funding for the Region's was spared. The 4 "maybe" projects that were proposed were not able to be funded.

**Homeland Security Committee:** Mr. Modesitt advised that there was a short meeting this morning in which there was discussion about the ballistic vests project for EMS. Bids were sought and received but none of them met the criteria set forth in the proposal. The criteria was reviewed and adjusted and sent back out. Bids are being received. It is unknown when this project will see any distribution.

**SEK Regional Trauma Committee:** Ms. Harrison related that this committee has been somewhat stale as of late. There are vacancies on the RTC. A meeting is scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> of July.

**EDTF:** Mr. Yoakum related no new developments were reported.

**MERGE:** Mr. Bruner was unable to attend. There has been communications with each groups principals about setting a date and time for a conference call or internet meeting. This is still in progress.

**EMS-C:** Brittany reports she has been working on a project to distribute an Emergency Pediatric Information sheet to practitioners for use with children in an emergency. This would provide accurate information in a time of chaos for the parents. She also noted they are near announcing a virtual symposium on September 17-18, 2020. She finished reporting that EMSC has established a "Lending Library" on their EMSC website.

**KANAMS:** No report

**KSBEMS:** No report

**Regional STEMI Activity:**

**Mercy-Joplin:** Ms. Stiles noted that she has noted some statistical fallouts as far as Notice of transfer to receipt of the patient with active STEMI's recently most especially from the northern area of service. There is concern of unnecessary delays and how to improve those times. Discussion was centered on obtaining information from providers in the area to help discern possible areas of improvement.

**Freeman:** Michelle reports that patient numbers have rebounded to pre-march averages. She reported that she is having some difficulties with timely STEMI alerts which is in turn creating delays in response of the cath-lab staff within time parameters. Through discussion several opportunities were identified where perhaps this can be improved.

**Regional Stroke Activity:** Apparently there was some technological errors and Sharlyn did not get the meeting invite. A report was not available.

**CISM:** Travis relayed there are 5 active members in the group. They have had a recent request that may they may not be able to meet due to schedules. He indicated perhaps more members would help. There may also be some opportunities to collaborate with some other emergency responder groups to assure we are meeting the needs of responders.

**QA/QI Project:** This project has seen its share of ebb and flow. Mr. Pace proposed that a sub-committee form to further this concept and provide it some structure so as to identify more opportunities for improvement initiatives within the region. Mr. Grimmatt expressed interest in this and Mrs. Wolfe also agreed to participate.

**MOU's:** for regional projects such as providing contact points for regional mutual aid, CISM, etc. These agreements need exploration and completion so that efficient notifications can be made when a need is identified.

**Elections:** These were postponed in April in hopes we could have a face to face meeting in July. Obviously, this did not occur. Discussion as to what the pleasure of the board was heard. Mr. Yoakum put forth the question to those in attendance and up for election if they wished to continue to serve. Mr. Modesitt, Mr. Grimmatt, Mr. Long all agreed. Mr. Wilhelms has previously expressed his desire to continue his service. Mr. Yoakum made a motion to retain the current members up for election in their seats. A second was noted by Richie and all voted in favor.

Mr. Pace appointed Mr. Doug Mogle, Director of Cherokee County EMS to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mattes until 2021 and he accepted.

Discussions were noted on the current responses to the COVID-19 issues. Everyone noted their desire for a resolution of the issue but also realize this may continue for a period. No one seemed to be experiencing extreme difficulties at this time but several issues were noted should this continue for an extended period.

A motion of adjournment was heard from Mr. Grimmatt and a second by Mr. Yoakum. All were in favor at 15:09.