

Region 6 EMS

Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2018

Today's meeting, at Labette Health EMS was called to order at 1302 hours by R. Pace, Chairman

Board members present:

K. Yoakum, R. Pace, D. Bruner, C. Harrison, C. Mattes, D. Cowan, T. Modesitt, R. Grimmett, J. Reed, R. Riesig,

Absent members: *J. Wilhelms, R. Long, M. Burnett* **Guests:** *Leanna Setskorn-AeroCare, Michelle Wolf, Freeman Hospital*

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

Minutes of the July 2018 meeting were presented at the meeting by Mr. Yoakum as well as e-mailed. A motion from Mr. Reed to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Bruner. All voted in approval.

Financial Report: Mr. Bruner reported the balances of the funds: \$10,394.61 in the Education Fund and \$28,085.11 in the general fund. Two checks are still outstanding.

KSBEMS: Mr. House could not attend the meeting and no formal report was given. Mr. Pace conversed with Mr. House and the one topic brought to the attention of the Board was that BEMS is drafting a committee to discuss possible improvements to the AEMT scope and curriculum. Mr. Chad Pore has been appointed as Chair and is seeking interested parties to serve on the committee. Mr. Riesig stated that he might be able to serve but would have to get back with Chairman Pace.

DMSU: No report given

KRAF Grant Committee: Mr. Yoakum reported that the committee had a conference call two weeks ago and discussion evolved around whether to have matching funds commitments or percentage cutoff's for large ticket items such as compression devices, power cots along with heart monitors. The committee approved this. Applications will open in early December and be due by Jan. 2nd 2019 most likely.

Homeland Security: Mr. Burnett reported that the EMS proposal for ballistic vests for each service has been presented and ranked #3 of the projects for potential funding in 2019. Currently the funding amount is unclear. Once that is known progress can be done on what will be funded. Also "response" kits for services to "active shooter" incidents is also being considered.

Homeland Security: The last committee meeting centered around keeping up with monitoring or inventory and accountability of equipment. A proposal for ballistic vests was in the top 3 projects of the future but little action has been taken since.

SEKRTC: Wendy O'Hare has become the Ks. Trauma Coordinator following Carmen Allen's return to BEMS. The SEK committee recently held a conference at Pittsburg's ViaChristi Hospital. December 20th is the next meeting of the SEK RTC and will probably be a conference call.

EDTF: this committee is monitoring the new exam process but no new business has come before it.

MERGE: Terry David and Jon Friesen have resigned from the team and Brandon Beck has assumed the commander role with John Hultgren as Deputy Commander. Discussion was heard to invite them to the January Region 6 meeting to discuss future opportunities for growth between the two organizations.

KISS Committee: The committee is scheduled to meet in November. Some of the makeup of members are changing and 7 new EMS members are now active. Plans are being considered to rejuvenate the “KISS Boot Camps” to educate healthcare providers on the criticality of getting stroke patients to the correct location for treatment.

EMS-C: Hospital readiness initiative continues across the state and has 10 new hospitals on board. In EMS, the coordinator is trying to establish a NAEMT EPC coordinator to bolster these courses throughout the state. Lastly, there is a FREE training in Wichita hosted by Wichita Fire on October 30th.

KAMTS: This entity has created a website and is pushing to populate it with informational and educational materials. The website is www.kamts.org and is still under construction in some areas.

CISM Education at Downstream: Mr. Modesitt contributed that he was somewhat pleased with the overall outcome of the offering. He extolled the education received from the course. Disappointment was noted by several that some people who reserved a seat did not attend namely Mr. Modesitt who did his best to assure attendance. 8 people from Region 6 attended and completed the course. 14 different agencies benefitted from several realms of public service. A meeting of the Region 6 group is set for December to continue the foundational organization of the group as well as set forth goals.

Medical Director Workshop: This event was logistically not working out for the fall so the Board decided to push back the date to coincide with the Guardians of the Heart Conference in February. A motion was heard of Mr. Modesitt to schedule the meeting on Feb. 17th, 2019 at 17:00 (social hour) and 18:00 dinner. A second was heard from Mr. Grimmett. All were in favor. Some suggested topics of discussion were: Destination protocols, Hospital stability and closure in regards to EMS and possibly a Pain control topic.

Ft. Scott Mercy: On October 1, 2018 an announcement from Mercy to close the hospital in Fort Scott, Ks came forth. Since Mercy EMS is affiliated with the hospital EMS operations will be affected. The county has a 180 day clause in the contract so EMS will continue through March 2019. Many discussions are being held to consider EMS operations after that. Discussions with the City of Fort Scott and Bourbon County have been preliminary based and are continuing regularly.

Guardians of the Heart: This years event will be expanded to three days from Feb. 18-20, 2019. Some exciting things are being contemplated. Details will be released as they are solidified. Main topics again this year include: Cardiovascular, Pediatrics, Trauma as well as STEMI. A motion was heard from Mr. Cowan to support this event with a sponsorship of \$12, 500 similar to 2018. A second was heard from Mr. Modesitt and all voted in favor.

In closing discussion, Mr. Reed suggested starting a Facebook page for the Region to keep the area up to date on Regional activities. He agreed to seek out a couple of fellow administrators of this and get it organized.

A motion was heard to adjourn at 12: 21 hrs. by Mr. Grimmett and Mr. Bruner.