

## Region VI EMS Board Meeting

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October 13, 2020 1300 Hours

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| I.    | Welcome  | Pace                         |
| II.   | Call to Order  | Pace                         |
| III.  | Approval of Agenda   | Board                        |
| IV.   | Approval of Minutes (July 2020)                              | Board                        |
| V.    | Financial Report   | Bruner                       |
| VI.   | Legislative Update   | Jason White<br>Sean Gatewood |
| VII.  | Allied Business & Committee Projects                         |                              |
|       | a. KRAF Grant  | Board                        |
|       | c. Homeland Security Council                                 | Modesitt/Burnett             |
|       | d. Regional Trauma Council                                   | Harrison                     |
|       | e. EDTF  | Yoakum/Bruner                |
|       | f. MERGe   | Bruner                       |
|       | j. EMS-C   | Brittney Nichols             |
|       | k. Kansas Air Medical Transport Society                      | Pace                         |
| VIII. | Kansas Board of EMS Update                                   | Joe House, Exec. Director    |
| IX.   | Regional STEMI Activity Report<br>STEMI Alerts               | Wolfe/Stiles<br>Board        |
| X.    | Regional Stroke Report                                       | Splean/Stiles                |
| XI.   | Report of Sub-Committees( as appropriate if indicated)       |                              |
|       | a. CISM  | Modesitt                     |
| XII.  | Old Business   | Board                        |
|       | a. QA-QI Project – STEMIs& Strokes                           |                              |
|       | b. MOU(s) for activating Mutual Aid, CISM, etc.              |                              |
|       | c. COVID Impacts   |                              |
|       | a. Staffing Impacts ?  |                              |
|       | b. Updating on website                                       |                              |
|       | c. PPE Supply  |                              |
| XIII. | New Business   | Board                        |
|       | a. Board Member Appointment – Jesse Reed’s term through 2022 |                              |
|       | d. COVID-19 Discussions                                      | Board                        |
|       | 1. Service Impacts   |                              |
|       | 2. Staffing Tracking – Needs                                 |                              |
|       | 3. PPE Project   |                              |
| XIV.  | Service Report   | General Members              |
| XV.   | Adjourn  | Board                        |

## Region 6 EMS

### Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020

Today's meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by Chair Rod Pace.

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

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

*Guests: Michelle Wolf-Freeman Health, Sharlyn Spleen- Freeman Stroke Coordinator, Joe House-KS BEMS, Jason White, Sean Gatewood, Wil Diaz, Brittney Nichols, Jenifer Clatt*

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

Minutes of the July 2020 meeting were presented at the meeting. A motion from Mr. Long to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Wilhelms. All voted in approval.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Bruner reported (via text to Kenny) the balances for the Education account \$19,104.32 and the General funds \$26,267.58

**Legislative Update:** Mr. White provided information on the state of the Medicaid expansion movement in Kansas and the potential issues with this topic in the legislature in 2021. Some of the roadblocks from previous attempts have remedied and should allow for more support for the initiative this go round. This will still require enormous support from the EMS community with their local representatives as well as statewide.

Mr.. Sean Gatewood also agreed and also spoke of several initiatives he cited in his article in the recent issue of the KEMSA Chronicle found here: [www.kemsa.org/chronicle](http://www.kemsa.org/chronicle) One issue is the addition of PTSD as a stand alone compensable issue under the workmen's compensation laws. Currently, one must sustain physical injury along with the traumatizing mental affects to be considered.

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

**KRAF Grant:** Mr. Yoakum related that the process will be reviewed soon for additions, deletions or edits. The application period will begin shortly after the first of December through the first working day of January. The grant applications will be reviewed for accuracy and compliance then disemenated to the committee. A recommendation will be developed for presentation to the Board of EMS for consideration in April. If anyone has suggestions on improvements in the process, please contact Kenny.

**Homeland Security Committee:** No changes noted and report not available.

**SEK Regional Trauma Committee:** Ms. Harrison absent. No report

**EDTF:** No report at this time

**MERGe:** Mr. Bruner unable to be present. No report

**EMS-C:** Ms. Nichols related that the “Lending Library” is available for materials related to pediatric education through the EMS-C website. She also noted a upcoming virtual conference in December on the 10-11<sup>th</sup> with regards to Special Needs children responses. Consult the EMS-C website at the KDHE website.

**Kan-AMTs:** No report

**STEMI/Stoke QI:** Ms. Wolfe and Mrs. Spleen made quick updates. They both stressed that Freeman was still accepting Stroke and STEMI patients. They both asked that EMS agencies assure early notification of inbound patients to maximize the Door-to-therapy times. The margins for these are very tight. Mrs. Spleen noted that there is a large need for ASLS Instructors as attrition has been a factor recently.

#### **Committee Notes:**

**Finance:** No report.

**CISM:** Mr. Modesitt related that when Mr. Reed transitioned to other ventures the CISM team was reduced to 4 members. It has since rebounded to 8 members. He noted one response request which was met since the last meeting. He also noted that Labette Health has formed a CISM group and it’s members will augment the Regional assets.

#### **Old Business:**

**QA/QI:** Director House noted that he is seeking interested parties to be part of an analytical training session to utilize data from KEMESIS to formulate reports and initiatives for improvement in patient care. If interested please contact Director House at [www.KSBEMS.org](http://www.KSBEMS.org)

**MOU(s) for Mutual Aid, CISM, etc:** These are currently in “draft mode” and will be presented later.

**COVID Impacts:** Discussion was limited but revolved around staffing concerns, PPE Supply (or lack thereof) along with current capacities of medical centers. It seems that EMS is fairing fairly well to date as no one really spoke of any difficulties or triumphs. PPE supply seems to be being met but barely. Some creative acquisitions are surely be utilized.

#### **New Business:**

Unexpired term of Jesse Reed: Mr. Reeds departure left an open seat on the Board that will not expire until 2022. Through e-mail nominations two names were submitted to the Chair for consideration of appointment. Mrs. Jenifer Clatt expressed interest as well as Mr. Wil Diaz. The Chair wishes to appoint Mrs. Clatt to fill the remaining part of this term.

The floor was opened for Service Reports and general announcements. Mr. Mogle noted he may have an avenue for glove procurement if needed. This was e-mailed to Kenny and dispersed to the Board.

A motion of adjournment was heard from Mr. Reissig and a second by Mr. Cowan. All were in favor at 14:45.

## **Update from October Board Meeting**

### **Planning and Operations Committee**

- Operationalization of the EMS Compact – The privilege to practice afforded by the EMS Compact is alive and kicking. The Compact is finalizing the automation to their process and it is currently still in a paper format. Discussion was had during the committee on where can we look to utilize the EMS Compact to benefit Kansas EMS (example: staffing either has Kansas certification or licensed in an EMS Compact state, if service is not located in Kansas). Joe will bring back some ideas for the December meeting.
- *KDHE Preparedness Program Update*: Encourages all EMS agencies to reach out to/work with their regional healthcare coalition. Reminder that the coalitions will be completing an Infectious Disease Surge tabletop this budget period (by the end of 06/30/2021) which will involve an EMS element.

### **Medical Advisory Council**

- Discussion continued from the August meeting about a continuing education pathway that utilizes a service credentialing process. Similar discussion had during the Education Committee.

### **Education, Examination, Training and Certification Committee**

- Sponsoring Organization Regulations – Headed through the regulatory process – slow as expected.
- Credentialing of EMS Providers – discussion regarding what needs to be done to allow for this type of pathway during recertification. Result was the thought that the Board needs to develop a means/process to determine what is an appropriate cognitive assessment for continuing education purposes. Initial thoughts – addressing all 6 categories and item analysis capability.
- Certification periods – it was determined that there is currently no need/desire to change the length of the certification period.
- Online renewals – committee recommended, and the Board approved, moving forward with regulatory revisions to require providers to utilize the online system for renewal. Currently 94% of providers utilize the online system for renewal.

### **Additional Items**

- 1) Surveys – Joe noted that 4 “surveys” are on their way out to services (the 1<sup>st</sup> of which went out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October) and he noted to feel free to delegate the completion task (does not necessarily need to be the service director filling it out).
  - a. Association of State and Territorial Health Organizations (ASTHO)
    - i. Overdose trends during COVID
  - b. EKG Monitor assessment – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VJJM7PH> - should take less than 5 minutes to complete
    - i. Asks for number of monitors on ambulances by manufacturer/model and the same for quick response vehicles; supervisors; etc.
  - c. Authorized Medications – SurveyMonkey link to be released soon – should take approx. 5 minutes to complete
    - i. Goes through the medications at the EMR, EMT, and AEMT that appear on the Board’s approved medication list asking whether the service allows for use within the protocols.
  - d. Authorized Activities – This will be a fillable spreadsheet: Allowed/Not Allowed for each gray box.
    - i. Lists out each statutorily authorized activity. Asking whether a medical protocol (or policy) exists in the service for the activity listed for each of the 4 scopes – EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic.