

Region 6 EMS

Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2022

Today's meeting was called to order at 1305 hours. Meeting is combined face to face and Zoom. Meeting site is Crawford County EMS Station #2.

Board members present: **K. Yoakum, D. Bruner, R. Reissig, M. Burnett, R. Long, R. Grimmert, J. Clatt, D. Mogle, D. Cowan R. Pace,**

Absent members: **T. Modesitt, C. Harrison, J. Wilhelms**

Guests: *Michelle Wolf-Freeman Health, Sharlyn Splean- Freeman Stroke Coord, Chad Pore- KSBEMS*

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

Minutes of the January 2022 meeting were presented. A motion from Mr. Bruner to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Reissig. All voted in approval.

Financial Report: Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$22,929.32 and the General funds \$26,624.86.

Allied Business & Committee Reports:

KRAF Grant: Mr. Yoakum reports that KSBEMS approved grant awards at the BEMS meeting the first of April. Letters have gone out to awardees and equipment is being procured at this time. Congratulations to all the awardees. Mr. Pore reported that Region 6 had 24% of the total request for funds in the state and received 25% of the funding awarded this cycle.

Homeland Security: Mr. Burnett related he has some remaining ballistic vests and associated equipment for issue should any service request it. Elk County EMS identified they would request 2 sets.

Regional Trauma Council: Wendy O'Hare, KDHE Trauma Committee, reported the next SEK RTC meeting is may 18th. She also reported the RTC Coordinator position application period closed yesterday and an appointment would be soon.

EDTF: this group met at 1100 hrs today with a meeting that ran late. Much of the discussion centered around these topics. EMT regulation newly adopted requiring one patient assessment and one nebulized breathing treatment. These can also be contrived experiences in a lab setting. It seems the BEMS had some concern that there was opposition or question of this after adoption since there was no comment prior during the comment period. BEMS also referred to the Education, Examination and Training Committee (EETC) the EMR educational standards for review and updating as needed. A response is required to BEMS by August meeting. Discussion (at length) centered around providing a QI template for those Sponsoring organizations not meeting the new regulations of a 70% first time pass rate in the EMT at the NREMT exam.

MERGE: Mr. Bruner reported that there has not been a recent meeting of this group but there is one planned for May.

EMS-C: Ms. Nichols has moved on in her career and we wish her all the best. Mrs. O'Hare related that EMSC is seeking a new coordinator currently.

BEMS Update: Mr. Pore is the BEMS representative today. One issue being discussed is the possible development of a new level of provider in the state. It would be a non-certified level but would be allowed to be utilized to "staff" the ambulance in the driver/assistant capacity for those having dire staffing issues. Mr. Pore related that in July there will be a stakeholder meeting possibly at the ACORN Resort near Junction City. Information will be forthcoming from Mr. House. Mr. House is also considering a "Town Hall" formatted meeting in each region this year for discussion of current and future concerns. Director Forums are held on Monday's at 16:00 hours. For more information, contact Mr. Pore or Mr. House. Mr. Pore also provided some insight as to coming updates in the NEMSIS data collection system. NEMSIS will soon upgrade to the version 3.5 also. This may cause some issues.

STEMI: Michelle Wolf related that no pertinent new issues have been identified at this time.

Stroke: Sharlyn reported that she was grateful for the sponsorship of the three recent instructors that were added to the instructional staff for ASLS. Two have begun to teach and the third will begin in May.

CISM: No report

GOTH: Mr. Pace related that the conference seemed to have been a success. Over 600 people registered for the conference. Mr. Yoakum felt there was a minimum of 300 plus attending each day.

Legislative Update: Mr. Pace commended Mr. Mogle on his recent work on EMS funding topics at the legislative level. Kansas is poised to increase Medicaid funding of EMS services to 65% of Medicare Rates and 100% of allowable Medicare rates for mileage. It is believed this may infuse Kansas EMS with \$10 million dollars. Thank you, Mr. Mogle.

Elections: In July the following Board seats will be up for election for a three-year term: Mr. Pace, Mr. Yoakum, Mrs. Clatt and Mr. Cowan. If there is anyone with interest in participation, we encourage you to express your interest to Mr. Yoakum at supervisor@crems.org

A motion to adjourn was heard from Mr. Bruner and a second from Mr. Yoakum at 14:40.