

Region 6 EMS

Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023

Today's meeting was called to order at 1305 hours and is virtual on Zoom.

Board members present: **K. Yoakum, D. Bruner, R. Reissig, , R. Long, R. Grimmett, J. Clatt, D. Cowan, T. Modesitt, Stacey Robertson, J. Wilhelms**

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

Guests: Chad Pore- KSBEMS, Dayna Hall-EMSC, Sharell Questell-Mercy, Tony Raboin-EagleMed, Chris Mattes-Mercy, Rita Stiles-Mercy

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

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

Financial Report: Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$28,554.32 and the General funds \$34,388.74.

Old Business: Staffing shortage regionally and solutions

Conversation among attendees of possible stipends, scholarships or MOA's to influence potential students to obtain training and certification. General consensus was to create a program which financially benefits the student and services. There would also be a clause for a period of service and prorated return of funds if the conditions are not met.

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. Not all projects were funded within any region of the state.

Homeland Security: Communication was received from the Chair of the committee that Mr. Burnett has not been in attendance to meet the requirements of their bylaws. Irrelevant of why, they request that the region appoint a new representative. Mr. Reissig has agreed to try to attend those meetings with his proximity to the meetings. A motion of nomination was heard from Mr. Wilhelms to Mr. Reissig's appointment with a second of Mrs. Clatt. All in favor. Mr. Modesitt report no new developments have been brought forth.

Regional Trauma Council: No representatives were present.

EDTF: No meetings have been held to our knowledge. Will contact Dr. Foat as to if there are future meetings.

MERGe: Discussion from the Executive Board meeting included discussion that the MERGe team currently does not seem to have interest in the SEK area after our discussion with the MERGe Chair recently. This Board is now going to seek to formulate a list of resources in the Region to respond to any large scale event within the region. Kenny and Dave will continue to formulate this moving forward by soliciting information from area services along with area fire departments.

EMS-C: EMSC was approved a funding grant for 2023-2027.

BEMS Update: Mr. Pore is the BEMS representative today.

He related several legislative updates. The statute for removing the IC certification passed the legislature and signed by the Governor. BEMS adopted the NASEMSO document for reference when determining appropriateness of care.

Handheld Batteries: Mr. Yoakum requests new batteries for the Regional Response trailer which has 16 handheld 800 mhz radios for response to disaster responses. A motion to purchase was heard from Mrs. Clatt and a second by D. Cowan with unanimous approval.

STEMI: No report

Stroke: No Report

CISM: One deployment. Went well. Will seek further on some new flyers later.

New Business:

Mercy sent an e-mail from Chris Mattes of a few courses being offered.

KEMSA conference: Mr. Yoakum proposed to sponsor 5 people again this year. Mr. Wilhelms motioned to sponsor 5 rooms and 5 registrations as in prior years. Mr. Grimmett seconded the motion. All approved.

Service reports were heard.

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