

Region VI EMS Board Meeting

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| I. | Welcome | Pace |
| II. | Call to Order | Pace |
| III. | Approval of Agenda | Board |
| IV. | Approval of Minutes (October 2021) | Board |
| V. | Financial Report | Bruner |
| VI. | 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 |
| VII. | Kansas Board of EMS Update | Joe House, Exec. Director |
| VIII. | Regional STEMI Activity Report | Wolfe/Stiles |
| | STEMI Alerts | Board |
| X. | Regional Stroke Report | Splean/Stiles |
| XI. | Report of Sub-Committees (as appropriate if indicated. | |
| | a. CISM | Modesitt |
| XII. | Guardians of the Heart Update | Board |
| XII. | New Business | Board |
| | a. ASLS Instructor Opportunity | |
| | b. COVID Updates | |
| | c. Legislative Reimbursement Action | Mogle |
| | d. Future Planning for Region VI | |
| XIII. | Service Report | General Members |
| XIV. | Adjourn | Board |

Region 6 EMS

Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022

Today's meeting was called to order at 1305 hours by Chair Rod Pace.

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

Absent members:, **C. Harrison, J. Wilhelms, Burnett,**

Guests: Sharlynn Splean, Stroke Coord. @ Freeman, Cari Cavendar, Director Woodson County EMS

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

Minutes of the October 2021 meeting were presented by e-mail last week. Two corrections were proposed. 1. Was the motion to fund the Guardians of the Heart for \$12,000 or \$12,500? The secretary verified the recording and noted the motion was for \$12,000. An e-mail vote will be sent out for the additional \$500. Jenifer Clatt was errantly omitted from the attendance and that was amended. A motion from Mr. Reissig to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Grimmett. All voted in approval.

Financial Report: Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$24,729.32 and the General funds \$43,068.38.

KRAF Grants: Mr. Yoakum serves on this committee as the region representative. He reported that the application period ended Jan. 03, 2022. BEMS should be reviewing and correlating the packets for the committee for release in early February. A meeting of the committee should come in early March and recommendations to BEMS in the April meeting.

Homeland Security: No new projects. The ballistic vests project has seen disbursement. Otherwise Mr. Modesitt reports projects are status quo.

SEK RTC: Nothing new to report

EDTF: This committee (Mr. Bruner/Mr. Yoakum) met in December. Discussion centered around new regulations from BEMS with reference to Con-Ed and initial education plans. Many institutions will need to update their plans to meet the new regulations and some of the requirements.

MERGE: Mr. Bruner reported out that no movement by the MERGe group recently in training or response secondary to the holidays. He reached out to Mr. Beck (Emporia FD) to join our meeting today and he responded he would try to after a meeting he had at the same time as ours. He did not make it to the meeting. Mr. Bruner expressed that a benefit of being members of the group might see a fortification of resources not currently within our Region but it would be limited by distance. Mr. Modesitt spoke of evaluating what resources were present within the Region and perhaps fortifying bonds with neighboring entities outside the state for response in times of need. This topic will be further explored.

EMS-C: Brittney Nichols related that a new EMS-C National survey is out for information gathering on the website and e-mail. Kansas Suicide Prevention with KDHE is considering a virtual course on Suicide Prevention and Intervention. Flyers are available from Brittney at KSBEMS. Children's Mercy Hospital is wanting to provide EMS technicians with Safe-to-Sleep training.

KSBEMS: Mr. House could not be present today. No report

STEMI Report:

Mrs. Wolfe could not be present today. No report

Regional Stroke Report: Sharlynn reported about an upcoming Instructor course for ASLS in Florida. We are currently down to 6 instructors. Conversation was limited but some interest was heard is supporting a candidate to obtain this education. The course is in March so this must progress with in the next few days if interested or be tabled.

CISM: Mr. Modesitt reports that the 8 members continue to train but no requests recently.

GOTH: Plans are proceeding for a conference in February. An agenda is out at the website. Things are shaping up well. Mr. Pace relayed that he has limited his participation this time in planning the event. He did note that the Con-Ed credits were being organized by the Oklahoma State University Fire Science department this year and seems to be a smooth process thus far. He noted 350 registrations to date. There are 75 hrs of CEU's on the agenda with 14 hrs of LEO hours available this time.

Mr. Pace interjected that in years past the region has sponsored room accommodations for up to 10 rooms (double occupancy). He did not know if there was still interest in doing that again. Mr. Pace had to attend another meeting and left. Mr. Yoakum said he would reach out to Downstream and see if there were any availability within the block and report out via e-mail.

New Business:

ASLS Instructor: see previous comments above

COVID Updates: none reported

Legislative Reimbursement Actions: Mr Mogle reported that he was in some discussions recently with reference to Medicaid re-imbursement for EMS. Historically Medicaid has not increased the allowed charges for well over 15 years. Missouri has seen a 85% increase in Medicaid rates and Oklahoma 66%. After discussion with legislators he reported that some legislators are soliciting what it would cost the state to increase reimbursement rates by 55%, 65% or 85% in exploration of proposed legislation.

Future Planning for Region 6: Members were tasked with bringing to the table in April thoughts for the future direction of the Board. Where should we focus efforts?

Public Relations materials: Mr. Bruner noted during open discussion that our PR materials were low if we intended to have a table at the GOTH conference. Mr. Yoakum made motion that we utilize no more that \$2,000 to replenish stocks. Mr. Long seconded the motion and no opposition was noted. Mr. Bruner also reported expenditures of \$900 to replace the laptop previously approved.

Mr. Reissig motioned for adjournment and Mr. Cowan seconded. No opposed. Ended at 14:17 hrs.