

## Region 6 EMS

### Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2023

Today's meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by Chair David Cowan.

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

Absent members: **C. Harrison, T. Modesitt, D. Mogle**

*Guests: Michelle Wolf-Freeman Health, Rita Stiles-Mercy, C. Mattes- Mercy, C. Cavendar-Woodson Co. EMS Director, Kelly King-Freeman Health,*

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

Minutes of the July 2023 meeting were presented by e-mail prior to the meeting. A motion from Mr. Bruner to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mrs. Clatt. All voted in approval.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$34,179.32 and the General funds \$26,315.00

#### **Old Business:**

**Education and staffing:** Several services reported being down on staffing. Some just one or two and some multiple positions. Elk County is trying to hire 4-5 people for fulltime positions.

**KRAF:** Mr. Yoakum reported the grant process will begin the first part of December. He suggested preparing your equipment needs now as well as getting quotes. He offered to help anyone prepare their grant.

**Homeland Security:** Mr. Bruner sent the minutes of the last meeting and I will send them to the Board.

**Regional Trauma Council:** No report

**EDTF:** No meetings since the last region meeting

**MERGE:** There was a meeting on 10-23-2023 with all the regional chairpersons. A synopsis of the meeting was presented by Mr. Cowan. There seems to be a consensus among the participants to re-examine the mission of the team. Each region has been asked to solicit for interest in participation as well as submit their expectations when it comes to the mission and operation of the team. Dave Bruner stated his interest in remaining on the team. Mr. Reising and Mr. Yoakum would like to explore participating and consider becoming members. Mr. McCue is going to discuss the topic at the Region 3 meeting on Thursday.

**EMS-C:** No update

**Regional STEMI:** Michelle reported no new business. Rita Stiles announced her retirement in December. She did not have any new updates beyond that Mercy has been re-accredited both nationally and within Missouri's system. She introduced her replacement, Tammy Caves to the group. She asks that when transporting LVO strokes to provide those symptoms to them so that they are better prepared.

**CISM:** No report

**New Business:** No new business

**Service Reports:**

Discussion among service providers around ambulance costs and delivery dates we shared. Topics included shortages of computer chips for some Motorola Radios, CAH hospital recognition and staffing.

A motion of adjournment was heard from Mr. Bruner and a second by Mr. Yoakum. All were in favor at 13:45.