

Region 6 EMS

Meeting Minutes of October 08, 2019

Today's meeting was called to order at 1303 hours by Chair Rod Pace.

Board members present: **K. Yoakum, D. Bruner, C. Mattes, J. Reed, R. Grimmert, C. Harrison, R. Pace, J. Wilhelms**

Absent members: **M. Burnett, R. Long, R. Reissig, T. Modesitt, D. Cowan**

Guests: Tracey Michelle Wolf-Freeman Health, Sharlyn Spleen- Freeman Stroke Coordinator, Emily Turkin-KS BEMS, Robin Welch- Midwest Aero-Care, Tristan Roegner, Kyle Evans, Casey Goff, Randy McDaniel

Agenda: The agenda was presented. An addition to the new business item C. PHTLS manuals was added by Mr. Yoakum. A motion was heard for approval of the agenda by Mr. Grimmert and a second by Mr. Bruner. Unanimous vote was heard.

Minutes of the July 2019 meeting were presented at the meeting. A motion from Mr. Grimmert to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Reed. All voted in approval.

Financial Report: Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$12,538.17 and the General funds \$32,812.64.

Kansas Board of EMS Update: Ms. Turkin reported that there is consideration to include in the KEMSIS regulations a requirement of uploading data within 24 hrs. There is a potential stakeholders meeting in Salina being considered for formulating emergency response regulations. BEMS is very interested in gathering data on violence against EMS providers. Currently there is little historic data to utilize for proposing legislation for this. Work also continues with revising the Con-Ed regulations to eliminate the sub-categories and including pediatric education.

Allied Business & Committee Projects

KRAF Grant: Ms. Turkin also related that the KRAF grant application period will begin Dec. 01. She also related that there would be no consideration for power cots this year. There was concern from some of the members about this. Otherwise the grant process will continue as in years past. Deadline is January 01, 2020.

STEMI/Stoke QI: Ms. Wolfe and Mrs. Spleen reported they are working on a Regional QI process. One of the burning topics is the topic of over triage and how much is acceptable. Mrs. Spleen also stated the need for additional ASLS Instructors. Discussion included coordinating and promoting a training session.

Homeland Security Committee: No one had a report on current activities.

SEK Regional Trauma Committee: Ms. Harrison provided a reminder of the upcoming symposium and general meeting at Wichita on Oct. 09, 2019. The Nov. meeting will be held at Via-Christi. Funding for educational projects is still available upon request through KDHE's Trauma Program.

EDTF: No report at this time

MERGE: Mr. Bruner reported that energy is building on the MERGe team since it has seen turnover in the leadership. The first order of business has been “inventory” of the assets as it were. A review of everything from the mission down is in progress. Once this process is complete the team would like to go to each Region and discuss missions within the Region where MERGe would help. MERGe would also like to explore recruitment and training opportunities in the Region.

KISS: A course was scheduled for Oct. 10th at Parsons. Several courses are scheduled across the state and then there will be a re-evaluation of the process.

EMS-C: There is no word about the new coordinator or if one has been appointed, No report.

Kan-AMTs: Mr. Mattes reports a meeting held last week. This group is considering a Critical Care tract presentation at a conference such as KEMSA’s Last Blast in order to engage critical care technicians. They are also soliciting comment on a possible orientation type of course for recruitment potential.

Committee Notes:

Finance: No report. Need to meet and formulate budget for 2020

CISM: Mr. Reed reported that the Clinical Coordinator has resigned. A course at Downstream was held and 20 plus providers were trained. He thinks there were 2 Kansas providers and one Region 6 provider. The group indicates they are ready respond to calls. Their next meeting is Oct. 29.

GOTH Update: Discussion ensued about Regional Support for the 2020 session. Mr. Pace indicated they were waiting for a few more confirmations but things were looking very promising. Vendor packs and speaker packages are scheduled to be out by the end of the month. Mr. Yoakum made a motion to support the event as in years past with \$12,500. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. All voted in favor. A second motion was heard by Mr. Reed to subsidize 5 rooms (double queens) for 5 nights at the block rate for Region 6 attendee’s who submit approved applications as last year. A second was heard from Mr. Yoakum. All voted in favor.

Facebook page: Jesse, Courtney and Richie are the administrators of the group page on facebook. It is up and running. Services are encourage to submit content to the page to keep it loaded.

KEMSA and MEMSA scholarships: some of the attendees this year were present and they were asked if they benefitted from the experience. All responses were positive.

QA/QI: Mr. Pace will be submitting request to KEMSA for data concerning regional QA/QI for STEMI and Stroke

GEMT: Once again there is an emphasis to persuade legislators to overhaul the Medicaid system. A sample letter was made available to the Region to send to the Governor to change the method in which EMS (ground) services are reimbursed for service.

PHTLS: has published the 9th edition of the manual. Mr. Yoakum petitioned the Board about purchasing 25 manuals and the associated instructional materials to be used for courses. Motion by Mr. Yoakum second by Mr. Bruner. All in favor.

Mr. Pace reminded everyone that the elections were coming in April and nominations in January.

A motion of adjournment was heard from Mr. Mattes and a second by Mr. Bruner. All were in favor at 15:45.