

## Region 6 EMS

### Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2021

Today's meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by Chair Rod Pace.

Board members present: **K. Yoakum, R. Pace, J. Wilhelms, R. Long, R. Reissig, , D. Cowan, D. Mogle, C. Harrison, D. Bruner**

Absent members: **M. Burnett, T. Modesitt, R. Grimmett**

*Guests: Michelle Wolf-Freeman Health, Brittney Nichols, Craig Isom*

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

Minutes of the July 2021 meeting were presented by e-mail prior to the meeting. A motion from Mr. Cowan to approve the minutes was heard with a second by Mr. Long. All voted in approval.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Bruner reported the balances for the Education account \$24,729.32 and the General funds \$24,793.54.

**Regional Trauma Council:** Ms. Harrison reported that the annual meeting for the State was held on August 20, 2021. There was discussion of budgetary items for education. There is some funds available for PHTLS courses again. Details for funding can be obtained from Ms. Harrison or consult the Kansas Trauma Council website. They also are considering a possible conference. Discussion was also noted about data collection and distribution throughout the region/state on trauma care and outcomes.

**EDTF:** Mr. Yoakum reported missing the previous meeting in September. Mr. Bruner also missed it. The next meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

**MERGE:** Mr. Bruner related that meetings continue monthly. He has not pinned down Mr. Beck with reference to setting a meeting with the executive committee or the whole Board. He will advise.

**EMS-C:** A grant program to distribute "Pedi-Mate" transport devices will be held again this year. Service Directors will be contacted soon. Neonate devices will be available. Solicitation of needs was requested by Ms. Nichols. Upcoming education opportunities exists. Contact Brittany Nichols at EMS-C.

**KSBEMS:** No report

**STEMI Activity:** Michelle Wolf, STEMI Coordinator at Freeman hospital reported that current STEMI cases are down. They have seen a few PE cases secondary to COVID-19 complications.

**STROKE:** No reports

**Sub-Committee's:** CISM: no report

**OLD Business:** Mr. Bruner noted the need of a new laptop computer to conduct business operations. The current unit was bought in the early 2000's and is outdated and cannot be further updated. A motion by Mr. Cowan to expend up to \$1,200 was heard and a second by Mr. Yoakum. No opposition was noted and the motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers:** The Vice-Chair has been vacant for sometime since Mr. Reed resigned. Solicitation was heard as to interest in filling the chair. David Cowan expressed interest in fulfilling the position. With no other interest heard the Chair appointed Mr. Cowan to the position. No opposition was heard. Term will run through the July 2024 meeting.

**Guardians of the Heart conference:** the 2020 and 2021 conferences were not held secondary to the COVID situation. Recently some of the committee met and have a desire to attempt to provide the conference in February 2022. Mr. Pace and Mr. Yoakum were invited to the meeting but unfortunately both could not attend. Mr. Pace reached out for a synopsis of the meeting from one of the attendees. He brought to us his concerns about real and potential issues are with such short notice with regards to organizing such a conference as well as continuing pandemic issues. Mr. Cowan related that a recent conference he attended saw overall success with an obvious decrease in attendance. Some concerns about COVID were heard and otherwise sentiment seemed favorable to try to support the conference to go ahead in 2022. A motion from Mr. Wilhelms was heard to support the GOTH program with \$12,000 commitment. Mr. Cowan seconded the motion and a vote was recorded and can be solicited from the Secretary. A majority of the quorum voted in favor. Motion passed. Mr. Pace abstained.

Service reports were heard with customary topics.

A motion of adjournment was heard from Mr. Reissig and a second by Mr. Cowan. All were in favor at 14:25.