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Board of Directors Meeting

April 15, 2014

1:20 PM

Seven Mountains EMS Council

523 Dell Street

Bellefonte, Pa. 16823

1. Call to Order and Introductions

President Gerard Banfill called the Meeting to order at 1:20 PM.

Scott Rhoat requested a Personnel Committee Meeting to follow.

Request granted.

1. Roll Call (Sign-in Sheet)

A sign-in sheet was circulated.

1. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Dave Jones, 2nd by Joy Byler to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion approved.

1. Approval of Minutes-January 16, 2014

A motion was made by Dave Jones, 2nd by John Shirk to approve the Minutes as posted. Motion approved.

1. Financial Report-January-March, 2014

A motion was made by John Shirk, 2nd by Romayne Naylor to approve the financial reports as posted. Motion approved.

1. Council Reports
2. Operational
3. Staff

Directors Report-Tim Nilson reported that he has received approval from

Susquehanna EHS Council to purchase a company vehicle.

Nothing additional added from the other staff on their reports.

Kent Knable praised staff for a job well done on the Susquehanna EHS Council Conference.

1. MCI/Strike Teams

Tim Nilson reported that several strike teams from both regional Councils did not renew their contracts. Scott Rhoat expressed displeasure that his strike team contract was cancelled due to a lack of signing a new contract although his service has been acting in good faith with the DOH without

a contract. Discussion was held.

1. MAC; QI/QA

Kent Knable reported that the Mount Nittany Medical Center is now a recognized Stroke Center. Also question was raised as to whether or not the Council is currently conducting any QI/QA project. Nothing currently being addressed.

1. Training

Mark Wolfgang reported that there has not been a meeting conducted recently.

Mark stated that per DOH regulations, Councils will no longer be able to be both a Training Institute and a Testing Agency. Seven Mountains made the decision to maintain its standing as a Testing Agency. Mark has been working with community colleges on becoming Training Institutes. Seven Mountains is investigating the possibility of aligning with Penn State University and CPI as Training Institutes. Mark reported that currently it costs $1000 for an EMT Class through a community college; ours would cost approximately $700. Students must also now provide proof of liability insurance, be drug tested and have a criminal history be completed before being admitted to a class. Council would like to use some provider equipment monies to help offset EMT class costs and help pay the cost of written certification testing. Tim Nilson suggested developing a grant program that would require students to either volunteer so many hours to a service or work for a service and reimburse once employed. Discussion was held. Mark also reported that CPI is now a Pearson Vue Test Site as well as a DOH approved practical exam site. Scott Rhoat asked if CPI and Seven Mountains are working together on being a Training Institute. Mark says groundwork is being laid to work together. Scott questioned why EMS Charts has not been made available to the EMT Class at CPI although Council has extra EMS Charts seats. Mark stated that there is a charge for the extra seats and no monies are available to purchase. Dave Jones suggested that the practice of not teaching the protocols in EMT Classes and its effects be reviewed under the QI/QA.

1. EMS Leadership

Dave Jones stated that the Committee met last week and that Jason Zielowicz was the

presenter. Extensive discussion was held on the new pilot Community Paramedicine Program. Next Leadership Meeting is scheduled to discuss how to implement this program into our Region.

1. PEHSC

Tim Nilson reported that there has been extensive discussion concerning the proposed new programs; AEMT, Critical Care Paramedic and Community Paramedicine. Concerns have been raised to how EMS services would be reimbursed for service provided. Discussion was also held on using Narcan

for drug overdoses. Dave Jones reported that the PEHSC Conference is scheduled to be held in Lancaster in August and Altoona in September. Scott Rhoat asked if there had been any feedback concerning the HR315 LBFG inefficiencies found in the DOH system. No feedback has been received to date.

1. Organizational
2. Merger Committee

 Merger was discussed at the preceding meeting. Gerard Banfill will email all members to set a date and time to finalize the last minute details of the merger.

1. Business
2. Merger-Nothing to report.
3. Provider Equipment Funding

Tim Nilson discussed the Provider Equipment proposals. A total of $41,223.63 is available. Discussion was held on proposed projects. Gerard Banfill clarified his original request for tourniquets. Gerard would like to see a small number of tourniquets be stockpiled to re-supply any EMS service that used theirs and

needed them replaced. Phil Lucas stated that the Task Force is hoping to also make tourniquets available for special events. The AT Vent proposed purchase was discussed. Kent Knable offered the use of Centre LifeLink’s ATV if needed to use for a class. Decision was made to not purchase ATVs or Auto BP Cuffs. Dave Jones made a motion, 2nd by Joy Byler to approve the provider equipment allocations and to use the remaining provider equipment monies to purchase portable radio(s) on the new Centre County frequency for the Council. Motion passed.

 The Provider Equipment monies were allocated to the following:

EMS Charts $25,200

Bariatric Services $ 2,000

Broslow Tapes $ 720

Pedi-Wheels $ 472

Anne Manikin $ 2,568

Sim Pad Skill Reporters $ 2,794

12 Lead (60/40 funding) Communication Device $ 2,394

Projectors x 2 $ 1,500

Training Reimbursement

for written exams-1 time only/student $ 1,500

Portable Radio(s) Remaining Funds

1. Good of the Organization

Nothing reported.

1. Tentative Date/Location of Next Meeting

June 19, 2014-Seven Mountains EMS Council office at Noon.

1. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Jones, 2nd by John Shirk to adjourn the meeting

at 3:05 PM. Motion approved.

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Attendance Sheet

1. Joanne Furl, Delegate, Clinton County DES-911
2. Kevin Fanning, Delegate, Clinton County DES
3. Jody Lair, Alternate, Centre County EMA
4. John Shirk, Delegate, Centre Juniata EMA
5. Allen Weaver, Delegate, Juniata County EMA
6. Sean Kleckner, Delegate, Goodwill Hose Ambulance Assoc.
7. Scott Rhoat, Delegate, Bellefonte EMS
8. Phil Lucas, Delegate, Mifflin County EMA
9. Paul Sattazahn, Delegate, Haneyville FC QRS
10. Kent Knable, Delegate, Centre LifeLink EMS
11. Dave Jones, Delegate, University Ambulance Service
12. Tim Nilson, Staff, SMEMSC
13. Romayne Naylor, Delegate, Central Communities Chapter ARC
14. Joy Byler, Delegate, Big Valley Ambulance Service
15. Adam Hoover, Delegate, MNMC-Administrative
16. Sandra Neal, Delegate, Port Matilda EMS
17. Ed Gailey, Alternate, MNMC-Medical
18. Gerard Banfill, Delegate, Lock Haven EMS
19. Cathy Grimes, Staff, SMEMSC
20. Mark Wolfgang, Staff, SMEMSC
21. Rich Kelley, Delegate, MNMC-Medical
22. Tim Nilson