

Seven Mountains EMS Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Minutes
April 19, 2018
Council Office – Bellefonte, PA

- I. Call to Order
President Gerard Banfill called the Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Quorum in attendance – 12 BOD members.
- II. Roll Call (sign-in sheet)
Delegates were reminded to sign in on the front table.
- III. Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Scott Rhoat, 2nd by Bob Edwards to approve the Meeting Agenda as posted. Motion approved.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – January 18th 2018
A motion was made by Scott Rhoat, 2nd by Josh Fremberg to approve the January 18th Board of Director's meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved.
- V. Financial Reports
Profit & Loss 2017-18 Grant; Period Transactions; Balance Sheet; CARES Grant – Year to Date; CARES Grant – Total Grant.
Tim also mentioned that the conference finances aren't complete yet; he anticipates being in the red but not sure how much. Report will be available next meeting. He thanked the SouthCentral Mountains Healthcare Coalition for sponsoring the Advanced Burn Life Support class during the conference.
Motion by Sean Kleckner, 2nd by Allen Weaver to approve financial reports as presented. Motion Passed.
- VI. Council Reports
 - a. Staff Reports – As presented.
 - Kimbra reported that she is finishing running the 2017 Annual Reports which will be going out to EMS Agencies & Hospitals next week. She announced that she has experienced better participation than last year – both EMS & hospital. Sean questioned what data (local, Regional, State, National) was being distributed and if MAC was going to analyze the data for potential system improvements. Kim said MAC reviewed the data last year and she anticipates them doing the same this year.
 - b. MAC/QI
MAC met during the annual spring conference.
 - A presentation was given concerning the potential use of drones to deliver AEDs to incident scenes in a portion of Centre County.
 - MAC discussed the M-RACE (Stroke Scale).
 - c. Training/Manpower
Nothing to report.

d. EMS Leadership

Nothing to report.

e. PEHSC

Kent reported:

- Announced the new Bureau Director who starts on April 16th.
- EMS for Children grant approved for an additional two years.
- Attempting to form a PA chapter of the National Association of EMTs Physicians group
- Presentation on First Net – AT&T has the national grant but other carriers are also providing “priority” services.
- Discussed SR6
- Hired new EMS Specialist
- Discussed national pilot for EMT ‘drawing up’ of medication to treat anaphylaxis in lieu of epi-pen administration.
- Non-opioid alternatives for EMS use during pain management – Ibuprofen and Toradol
- Discussed Naloxone leave behind program. If interested in participating, each County has a Single County Agency who can assist with acquiring the Naloxone. Minimal participation throughout the Commonwealth.
- Fireworks bill passed – additional funds should be coming to EMS.

VII. Business

Conference Report

This year’s spring conference is thought to have gone extremely well with providers commenting on the quality of the presentations as well as the overall conference location & atmosphere. Laura mentioned that attendance was up a little (10-20 participants) for both Friday & Saturday but the largest increase in participation was for the banquet. Scott Rhoat asked if any grant funding was used for conference expenses. Tim stated that currently, none has been used but the grant includes \$500 allowable for use toward the conference and he needs to verify things like staff lodging & meals as they are allowable expenses under the grant. A discussion followed concerning expanding the ‘sponsor’ opportunities for next year including the need to start working now on next year’s sponsor requests.

Operations overview & update

Tim reviewed:

-Bureau Director

Dylan Ferguson – previously from Illinois – is the new EMS Bureau Director for the Department. He started his new position on the 16th.

-2018-19 Grant

Our proposed budget for 2018-19 has been developed; signed by the President & Secretary; and submitted to the Bureau for final approval. It is a one year grant with options to renew for an additional 4 years by letter. Grant is \$3,375 over the current grant and includes the additional \$25,000 for CARES.

-Active Threat/Stop the Bleed

Staff is continuing efforts toward Active Threat/Stop the Bleed preparation throughout the Region. Active Threat Kits have been assembled to allow EMS

agencies to have supplemental supplies on hand for special events being held within their coverage area. Tubs (6 kits each) are currently available through either of the Council offices and staff is contacting County EMA coordinators to see if they have space to be able to store a kit in each county for ease of pick-up. Phil Lucas discussed training conducted & supplies purchased through the SouthCentral Mountains Task Force in support of emergency responder response to active threat situations. Sean Kleckner asked if that was the most appropriate deployment of resources as agencies aren't going to have them should an event occur. A discussion followed including tactical vests.

-Triage Tags

Follow-up from the April meeting, the triage tag exchange (non barcoded tags to those that can be scanned) hadn't taken place; but, staff was currently working on exchanging tags and anticipate having all EMS vehicles switched over by July 1.

-Personnel Committee

Tim mentioned that he plans on reaching out to the Personnel Committee within the next few weeks.

-SR6

SR6 committee is meeting. Unknown what recommendations are going to get through committee and become a part of the final report; but, we are hearing several proposals including moving of EMS from Health to PEMA or a separate entity under and EMS Commissioner. Also considering legislative changes such as modification to the required staffing sections of Act 37. More to come...

-Registry/Train 3.0

Both the EMS provider registry and Commonwealth on-line training sites have recently been updated. Things are going smooth but some providers have experienced problems logging-in and/or maneuvering within the systems. Especially during this change-over, please advise providers who are experiencing problems to call the Council office. We will work with them to get the problem solved.

-Naloxone

As everyone is aware, Governor Wolfe has issued a disaster declaration to combat the opioid epidemic. EMS is a part of the overall response network – if Council can assist your agencies in meeting the need, please contact the office to discuss. DOH/DDAP just finished a series of “Warm Handoff” seminars throughout the Commonwealth.

-Safe Pediatric Transport – TIM

Safe Pediatric Transport and Traffic Incident Management (TIM) are hot-topic items lately. Council offered assistance in obtaining required Pediatric transport devices and thanks to follow-up by PEHSC and the EMS for Children grant – all agencies should now have the required equipment to transport children. Mark is a recognized instructor for the Safe Pediatric Transport program and is currently in Altoona taking the TIM TtT course. We hope to increase availability of both these programs within the Region.

-Years of Service

Members recognized Kent Knable for 30 years of attendance at and participation within Seven Mountains Council/Board meetings. His initial meeting was 30 years ago this month at CPI with Carmine Prestia.

Provider Equipment

Tim reported that Council started this grant with \$50,400 in provider equipment funding. We spent \$45,360 on PCR access for the agencies (access plus either tablet or mobile versions) and \$5,182.19 on CO monitors. Overspent the budget by \$142 – budget will be supplemented with other funds prior to the end of the grant. Asked if there were ideas for additional projects. He mentioned that he received a call from a Centre County agency saying that their CO monitors were dead, asking if they needed to wait until next grant cycle to have them replaced. Motion by Romaine Naylor, 2nd by Michael Coldren to authorize replacement of CO monitors as required, not necessarily concurrent with the 2-year cycle. Motion Passed.

VIII. Good of the Organization

1. EMS Week – May 20-26, 2018

Proclamation requests have been sent to County Commissioners and local municipal leaders. Editorials will go out closer to the event.

EMS Memorial Bike ride is the week preceding EMS Week. Boston to Alexandria VA (Washington DC) – not entering PA this year.

2. Rich Kelley reminded everyone of the annual Pancake Breakfast Mount Nittany Medical Center conducts in recognition of EMS Week. Breakfast is May 22nd, 8-10 am.
3. Romaine Naylor offered to contact the local media outlets to see what coverage she can acquire for EMS week related activities/events.
4. Kent Knable mentioned that he and Rich Kelley had the opportunity to attend the National Association of EMTs, EMS Day on the Hill. He recommends additional participation, next year, if anyone is available and interested. They had the opportunity to meet with Representative Thompson to discuss EMS issues.

IX. Date/Location of Next Meeting

Board of Directors will meet next on June 21th at Union County Government Center starting at noon.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 on motion by Allen Weaver, 2nd by Patrick Shay. Motion Passed.

Attendance/Sign-in Sheet
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1. Scott Rhoat, Delegate, Bellefonte EMS*
2. Robert Edwards, Delegate, Penn State EMS*
3. Gerald Banfill, Delegate, Lock Haven EMS*
4. Mark Martz, Alternate, Danville Ambulance
5. Derick Shambach, Delegate, Snyder County EMA*
6. Chad Aucker, Delegate, Snyder County 911*
7. Josh Fremberg, Alternate, University Ambulance Service
8. Sean Kleckner, Delegate, Goodwill Hose Ambulance Company*
9. Seth Matter, Alternate, Goodwill Hose Ambulance Company
10. Michael Coldren, Delegate, FAME EMS*
11. Patrick Shay, Port Royal EMS*
12. George Widger, Delegate, Greater Columbia Transport*
13. Dayne Brophy, Delegate, Bloomsburg Ambulance*
14. Rich Kelley, Delegate, Mt. Nittany ALS
15. Romaine Naylor, Delegate, ARC*
16. Kent Knable, Delegate, Centre LifeLink EMS
17. Allen Weaver, Delegate, Juniata County*
18. Phil Lucas, Delegate, Mifflin County EMA
19. Tim Nilson, Council, Staff
20. Cathy Grimes, Council Staff
21. Laura Rompolski, Council Staff
22. Kimbra Shoop, Council Staff