

Seven Mountains EMS Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Minutes
January 18, 2018
Union County Govt. Center – Lewisburg, PA

- I. Call to Order
Vice-President Scott Rhoat called the Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 12:15 PM. Quorum in attendance – 11 BOD members.
- II. Roll Call (sign-in sheet)
A sign-in sheet was circulated for both the Council and Union County.
- III. Approval of Agenda
A motion was made by Tom Derby, 2nd by Dave Jones to approve the Meeting Agenda as posted. Motion approved.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – October 19th 2017
A motion was made by Robert Edwards, 2nd by Joy Byler to approve the October 19th 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.
Question was asked about the \$25,000 supplemental in our DOH Grant for CARES – is that required to be used this grant period & any specific requirements. Tim stated that there were no requirements on what and that the grant doesn't specifically say it needs to be spent this year; but, plans on using it for salary that way it will not be questioned.
Motion by Allen Weaver, 2nd by Tom Derby to approve financial reports as presented. Motion Passed.
- VI. Council Reports
 - a. Staff Reports – As presented.
 - Jim addressed the EMS Safety Inspections conducted in November and said that he plans on conducting at least one a quarter this year.
 - Kim mentioned that she anticipated 100% participation from Regional Agencies in this year's CARES statistical report.
 - b. MAC/QI
Jim reported that MAC met on 12/6 via video conference provided by Mt. Nittany- which was successful in increasing participation and they plan on continuing that usage.
 - Mr. McLeod provided information on a 'safe transportation of children' training program available on PA-TRAIN; state MAC looking at alternatives to Epi-pen use for BLS providers; State MAC promoting the use of non-opioid pain management.
 - Jim reported that the Ketamine usage documents were approved and there has been one regional use of Ketamine since that adoption which went really

well.

-MAC discussed the shortage of Saline and suggested conservation (saline lock) when appropriate.

-Dr. Botti discussed the Naloxone administration program (she is the Centre County Centralized Coordinating Entity (CCE) for the PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency & PA Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Programs first responder Naloxone grant). EMS Agencies who wish to participate need to complete the process and then can receive Naloxone through their designated CCE.

- MAC discussed the M-RACE (Stroke Scale). It has been adopted by the state; is included within the new ALS protocols; and we have received a Bureau developed training program for our providers.

- Next meeting will be face-to-face in conjunction with the Spring Conference in State College – Friday March 16th.

As for QI – they want to review all regional Ketamine & Etomidate usages.

They reviewed one regional use of Ketamine which they said “went well” and forwarded their findings to the Bureau.

c. Training/Manpower

Hasn't met.

d. EMS Leadership

Nothing to report.

E. PEHSC

Conference call in December. Nothing to report. Seven Mountains goes off the Board of Directors this year.

VII. Business

Operations overview & update

Tim reviewed:

-Bureau Director

Bureau has conducted interviews for the position, narrowed the field down to conduct three ‘second’ interviews. Announcement of new director is expected by the end of the month. Rumor has it that the second interviews were given to two in-state candidates and the just retired Director for New York State EMS.

-Conference

Currently a staff emphasis. Brochures are available & we have a supply here. March 16-18 in State College. Keynote is Steve Berry. More hands-on classes this year. Currently accepting nominations for the Jack Williams award along with Regional EMS recognition(s). Recognitions will be introduced during the banquet on Saturday evening.

2017-18 Provider Equipment Projects

-Stop the Bleed

Getting more involved in these type offerings & assisted the Bureau/Department in offering tourniquet usage training at the PA Farm Show.

-Vacant Staff Position

Advertised for the position, receiving 8 applications. After reviewing those, six were provided the opportunity to interview with five accepting. Laura and I conducted the interviews and are suggesting that we hold off on filling that position at the current time. Discussion included the possible modification of the position description to increase interest; modify the position to temporary and/or

part time as needed; work with Southern Alleghenies to see if there is any cooperative agreement that can be worked out since we both have positions open.

-EMS Memorial

Just as an FYI, I am working with others in possibly establishing a traveling EMS memorial to recognize those providers who died in the line-of-duty. I received a call from a nurse in Clinton County who suggested the program and am working with her and the Bureau to see if something can be accomplished – maybe even by EMS week 2018.

-Naloxone

Council is trying to work with the regional EMS agencies by providing guidance on EMS Naloxone usage within the Commonwealth but seem to be having difficulty keeping informed ourselves. The Governor signed a disaster declaration concern the Opioid crisis changing our standing order to allow EMS to “leave behind” Naloxone to at-risk persons and/or their support group. We have been pushing out information concerning that declaration, as received, but are still getting calls with questions that are still unanswered. A short discussion followed.

mRACE

Jim discussed the inclusion of the mRACE stroke scale in the 2017 ALS protocols – currently the only DOH approved scale. He has received a Bureau developed training program for the mRACE program which the Bureau would like implemented ASAP. Since MAC doesn't meet until Mid-March, he asked if Council would be interested in approving the mRACE program contingent upon review and acceptance by the Regional MAC? A fairly lengthy discussion ensued including questioning if this was an ALS or BLS program (ALS only); why a specific stroke scale was included as optional in only the ALS protocols; and mRACE's familiarization amongst hospital staff. Council decided that they will wait for MAC review/comments and recommendation prior to acting on mRACE.

VIII. Good of the Organization

- a. Annual Conference – March 16-18. Toftrees Resort, State College PA
- b. Regional Awards nominations are currently being accepted
- c. EMS Week – May 20-26 2018
- d. National EMS Memorial bike ride – week prior to EMS Week
- e. National EMS Memorial – Gaylord National Convention Center, Saturday before EMS Week.
- f. Mike Coldren mentioned the MCI course being conducted in Mifflin County on February 3 & 4. A. J. Heightman will conduct the training. If interested, contact Troy at FAME.

IX. Date/Location of Next Meeting

Board of Directors will meet next on April 19th at Council's Bellefonte Office starting at noon.

X. Additional Business

Rich Kelley mentioned that as they were working on implementing the patient tracking program, they recognized that some of the triage tags they currently have on their units aren't bar-code readable and was wondering if Council had

sufficient funds to update triage tags. Tim stated he wasn't sure there were sufficient funds available after purchasing the CO monitors & PCR access; but, that he thought all the triage tags were updated prior to Howdy leaving as Preparedness Coordinator. Instead of purchasing new tags, Howdy was working on placing bar codes on the current supply of tags and 'trading' them out with regional agencies that needed them. He will work on seeing what was done vs still needs changed out and report back in April.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 on motion by Dave Jones, 2nd by Joy Byler.
Motion Passed.

Attendance/Sign-in Sheet
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1. Scott Rhoat, Delegate, Bellefonte EMS*
2. Robert Edwards, Delegate, Penn State EMS*
3. Matt Kurtz, Delegate, Danville Ambulance
4. Joy Byler, Delegate, Big Valley Ambulance Service*
5. Thomas Derby, Delegate, Berwick Ambulance
6. Dave Jones, Delegate, University Ambulance Service*
7. Tom Perrin, Delegate, Union County West End Ambulance*
8. Sean Kleckner, Delegate, Goodwill Hose Ambulance Company*
9. Michael Coldran, Delegate, FAME EMS*
10. Patrick Shay, Port Royal EMS*
11. George Widger, Delegate, Greater Columbia Transport*
12. Dayne Brophy, Delegate, Bloomsburg Ambulance*
13. Rich Kelley, Delegate, Mt. Nittany ALS
14. Kent Knable, Delegate, Center LifeLink EMS
15. Paula Miller, Delegate, EMTS
16. Allen Weaver, Delegate, Juniata County*
17. Tim Nilson, Council, Staff
18. Jim Urban, Council Staff
19. Laura Rompolski, Council Staff
20. Kimbra Shoop, Council Staff
21. James Fairlie, Guest, Geisinger Trauma Program