

**Seven Mountains EMS Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Discussion Points  
June 15, 2017  
Union County Government Center  
Lewisburg, PA**

- I. Call to Order and Introductions  
President Gerard Banfill conducted a Roll Call at 12:06 finding that we did not have a quorum to conduct business. Meeting was started as an information session, waiting to see if we had additional attendees.
- II. Sign-In Sheet  
A sign-in sheet was circulated.
- III. Business Overview – Open discussion

Gramley Award

Tim mentioned that Jerry & Louise Gramley were retiring from EMS after a distinguished volunteer career which include EMS instructing/coordinating/evaluating for many years throughout the Region but especially in Mifflin County and being founding members of the Seven Mountains CISM team which has grown to now include the Susquehanna Valley team with a primary catchment area of 11 counties. He said that through discussions with Dave Ray, CISM Team Leader, he is asking Council to recognize the Gramley's with a Council Resolution which he, Cathy, & Dave Ray are going to present to them in recognition of their service.

Tim was told to go ahead with presenting the resolution and Kent Knable offered to attend the presentation.

CARES Report

Kimbra distributed and discussed the 2016 CARES report for the Region & State. The region is lagging a little behind state & national averages for public use of AEDs prior to EMS arrival. With the annual report out, her emphasis is going to be recruitment of additional agencies into the CARES program and improving SCA outcomes through better CPR (Resuscitation Academies, Pit Crew CPR) and increased public intervention (Dispatcher academies, Hands-Only CPR events). She discussed the need for EMS agencies to share data with each other (ALS with BLS agencies whom they interact with) and community stakeholders to try to build community buy-in for improvements.

2017-18 Grant

Council has received our 2017-18 grant approved by the Department. The dollar amounts are incorrect; but a budget revision is being worked on and should be completed shortly which will correct the amount.

2016-17 Provider Equipment

Jim discussed the on-going projects. Broselow tapes are ordered for the ALS agencies. He is working with Atlantic Tactical on the protective vests and the quote should arrive today – ordering vest early next week. He and Katherine West are discussing possible dates as she

had some scheduling conflicts. Currently working on drafting the participation guidelines for the “Active Incident” project. Dave Jones stated that he understood that the Bureau convened a workgroup to look at active shooter incidents; developed a three or four hour overview course; and is wondering if anything ever came out of that. Tim said he wasn’t aware of anything being released or finalized; but, would check into it.

#### BEMS Documents

Scope of Practice and updated ALS drug list have been published in the PA Bulletin and are on the DOH website for review. 2017 Protocols are available on the DOH website - Training is available through PA-TRAIN.

#### Glucose Monitoring/Active Delirium

Under the new protocols, BLS providers will be able to perform blood glucose monitoring. BLS agencies have a process that needs to be followed prior to providing that level of care. The new ALS protocols allow for the use of Ketamine within an optional “Excited Delirium”. Before it is allowed, the Region needs to approve the protocol usage within the Region. Jim will be presenting this to the Regional MAC at their next meeting.

#### Conference & Symposium

Tim mentioned that Mark has been doing some research on conference locations. He has talked with Toftrees Resort and they are interested in and available to host our Spring Conference March 16-18, 2018. He is suggesting we hold the annual spring conference at Toftrees in 2018 and work on an EMS management type seminar within the Snyder/Union/Montour area for this fall. This would allow for a single venue for all event activities – including downtime. Nobody in attendance had a problem finalizing those plans as presented.

#### Council Insurance

Tim reported that Council’s major insurance package – property, vehicle, liability, etc. – renews 7/1/17 and he has working with four separate carriers to submit proposals. Said he would keep the Board officers involved and report back next meeting.

#### PEHSC

- Forwarded a Vote to Recommend (VTR) to thyroidectomy kits from ALS required equipment list.
- Approved a Tactical EMS Program and forwarded it to the Bureau for review and possible implementation.
- Forwarded a VTR for a wilderness EMS program and expanded scope-of-practice.
- September 20-22, 2017. 40 Annual PA State EMS Conference. Lancaster, PA
- PSU – Community Hero’s Day. September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Line of Duty Death. Need to educate EMS agencies on the need to have municipal recognition to be eligible for possible benefits.

President Banfill mentioned:

- Lock Haven EMS’s desire to piggy-back on the protective vest quote/order that Council receives and suggested that we allow additional agencies to do likewise. Jim will notify agencies before the order is placed.

- Expressed his frustration at the lack of availability of and increasing headaches in offering EMS certification courses to increase the manpower pool. He questioned the Bureau's policy of not allowing Councils to retain current training institute status.

Tom Perrin suggested development and/or implementation of a junior explorer program to see if we get more people interested in EMS as a hobby or profession.

Considerable discussion followed. More research needs completed with possible Council action in the future.

IV. Date/Location of Next Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting will be August 17, 2017, noon at the Council office in Bellefonte (Milesburg).

V. Adjournment

No adjournment needs as we never established a quorum.

Attendance/Sign-in Sheet  
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1. Gerard Banfill, Delegate Lock Haven EMS\*
2. Scott Rhoat, Delegate, Bellefonte EMS\*
3. Derick Shambach, Delegate, Snyder County EMA\*
4. Chad Aucker, Delegate, Snyder County 911\*
5. Tom Perrin, Delegate, Union County West End Ambulance\*
6. George Widger, Delegate, Greater Columbia Medical Transport\*
7. Rich Kelley, Delegate, Mt. Nittany ALS
8. Matt Abbey, Delegate, Northumberland QRS\*
9. Phil Lucas, Delegate, Mifflin County EMA
10. Dave Jones, Delegate, University Ambulance Service\*
11. Kent Knable, Delegate, Center LifeLink EMS
12. Tim Nilson, Council Staff
13. James Urban, Council Staff
14. Laura Rompolski, Council Staff
15. Kimbra Shoop, Council Staff