

**SEVEN MOUNTAINS EMS COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Meeting Minutes January 16, 2020  
Union County Government Center - Lewisburg**

- I. Call to Order  
President Mike Coldren called the Board of Directors' Meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call (sign-in sheet)  
A sign-in sheet was circulated for both Union County & Council.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence  
Mike asked that the attendees stand; recite the Pledge of Allegiance & remain standing for a moment of silence. Tim noted that Paramedic Matt Smelser was just recently hit and killed exiting an ambulance at an MVA in Westmoreland County. President Coldren thanked Union County for allowing us to use their building for our meeting.
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
A motion was made by Gerard Banfill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Aucker to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion approved.
- V. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2019 Board Meeting  
A motion was made by Jamie Blount, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Rhoat to approve the October 24, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved.
- VI. Financial Reports – October - December 2018  
The following reports were furnished for Board Review: 2019-20 Grant to date; Aug.-Sept. 2010 transactions; Council Balance Sheet; CARES Aug-Sept. transactions & complete grant.  
Scott Rhoat discussed our current interest rates & what is anticipated. Tim provided a quick overview of our new First National Bank (FNB) relationship.  
Motion by Gerard Banfill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Derby to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion Passed.
- VII. Council Reports  
STAFF:  
**EMS Education Coordinator** – Scott Reiner introduced himself as the new Regional EMS Education Coordinator. Scott comes to us from Geisinger Health System and will be in the Selinsgrove office primarily. Mike Coldren welcomed him on staff.  
**Office Manager** – Working on conference related issues. Registrations have started coming in.  
**CARES Coordinator** – Kim mentioned that it is year-end report preparation time and she is working on those reports. Once finalized, the reports will be distributed Mid to late April; She had had several EMS agencies contact her about joining the CARES project; She attended a Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit in

Seattle WA in December – great experience & exchange of information. Working on better implementation of a dispatcher/911 center integration into the project – both training & data sharing.

**EMS Program Specialist** – Nothing additional.

**Regional Director** – In addition to report....Licensure Coordinator is currently out on sick leave – may be an extended time-frame. Tim thanked the staff for their continued assistance & cooperation especially over the past few months with what limited staff Council had available. They all went beyond expectations to make sure the work got completed.

#### RMAC/QI

Haven't met. Meeting the Friday of the Spring Conference.

#### Training Report

No Report.

#### EMS LEADERSHIP

Rich Kelley discussed the legislative breakfast that is being planned for the day before the Spring Conference. It will be Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> starting about 830 and lasting until about 1130. Jerry Ozog will be the guest speaker with a panel discussion (QA session) following.

#### PEHSC

Dave Jones mentioned the county commissioner's EMS task force report and its relationship to SR 6. PEHSC is reviewing issues relative to REPLICA project & EP3. Discussed pending legislation on increasing the EMSOF funds & community paramedicine programs.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

President Coldren asked that we go around the room introducing ourselves and identifying the agency we are representing – mostly for the benefit of Scott Reiner.

### VIII. Business

#### OPERATIONS OVERVIEW/UPDATE

##### A) New Regional Training Coordinator

Tim reported Council received nine applications for the position of Regional Education Coordinator; offered interviews to seven; and interviewed five. Scott Reiner was the unanimous choice of the committee. Scott has been with Danville EMS (now Geisinger EMS) as both a provider & dispatcher. His first day with Council was January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

##### B) Audit

The 2018-19 audit was presented. It was prepared and forwarded to the Bureau of EMS as per our grant requirements. Copies are available as well as it being on the website. Tim asked that it be reviewed for tentative approval at the next meeting. He also suggested that after looking at the figures, we should consider spending down some of the funds by looking at replacement of a vehicle.

C) 2020-21 Grant

Council received correspondence from the Dept. of Health to start developing our budget for the 2020-21 grant cycle. Overall funding has decreased approximately 1% (down \$14,500) from this year's funding.

D) WPSU

WPSU completed a documentary of the PA Opioid crisis which they are presenting at our Spring Conference. They are interested in presenting it a Council meeting if we are interested.

E) Preparedness Exercise

The Bureau of EMS has sent out save-the-dates for two statewide preparedness exercises. Week-long exercise in June at Fort Indiantown Gap. Anyone who may be interested in participating, please let me know.

F) Intern

Council was approached about accepting an intern from Lock Haven University for the upcoming term. She resides in Milesburg and is interested in disaster preparedness & response, especially related to special needs individuals. Her name is Rachael Kuhlen and she starts January 21<sup>st</sup>. Depending on how things go, I would like her to review & update our MCI efforts & she is going to help with the conference.

G) Conference

Brochure is out....we have a lot of good educational tracks planned.

H) Proposed Legislation

HB1869 – waive EMS agency staffing requirements in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> class counties with Department approval.

I) Sunbury Hospital

Council has received correspondence that Sunbury Hospital is closing. EMS diversion starts 700 on January 28<sup>th</sup> and ED in-patient services will cease 700 on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

J) Intermediate ALS Protocols & Dispatch

Phil Lucas asked if Council has implemented, or is anticipating, any changes to dispatch protocols. Tim mentioned that he anticipates – in the not too distant future – that at least one regional EMS agency will apply for an intermediate license. In anticipation of this, he has asked Jim to reach out to Regional MAC. MAC has discussed the issue and doesn't think there are going to be major issues with integrating Intermediate ALS into our system and are holding off on considering changes. The communications committee hasn't looked at this yet. A considerably lengthy discussion followed.

K) Council Vehicle

Scott Rhoat asked what plans were as far as replacing/updating Council vehicle(s).

He mentioned the line item is sufficient enough now that we should start seriously looking at replacement before we need to do both vehicles as the same time.

#### PROVIDER EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION

The Bureau has approved your request to use grant money to purchase the PCR access & CO monitors; but, didn't approve the legislative breakfast.

A discussion followed concerning the legislative breakfast and our desire to hold an educational session that afternoon. The Board wants this to be an educational session for elected officials to learn about EMS issues; County Commissioners are to be invited to the breakfast as well as state legislators. Following the breakfast, they want to hold an educational session for those who wish to participate.

Tim mentioned that continuation/expansion of the bariatric project was mentioned in October. Since no other project suggestions were submitted, staff will work on that for your April meeting. Gerard Banfill asked Council staff to survey the regional agencies to determine current capacity.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Coldren appointed the following individuals to the following committees:

ByLaws:	Dave Jones, Scott Rhoat, Gerard Banfill
Membership:	Joy Byler, Laura Shay, Gerard Banfill
Personnel:	Laura Shay, Jamie Blount, Derick Shambach
Finance:	Joy Byler, Scott Rhoat, Gerard Banfill

Anyone else interested in serving on one of the committees, please e-mail Mike. He reminded everyone that the operational committee application was available on-line.

- IX. Good of the Organization
  - Reminder for the annual Spring Conference. March 13-15 at the Ramada in State College.
  - Tim asked Council what their wishes were for the Jack Williams Award. He said that there has been minimal interest in the award over the past several years and suggested that we forego looking for nominees and just present the award to Mark Wolfgang. Short discussion followed with Scott Rhoat motioning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Kurtz, that the 2020 Jack Williams award be presented to Mark Wolfgang for his dedicated efforts throughout the Region. Motion Passed.
  - EMS Week. May 17-23, 2020. EMS Strong: Ready Today. Preparing for Tomorrow.
- X. Next Meeting
  - April 16, 2020 at the Bellefonte Council office – starting at noon.
- XI. Adjournment
  - Motion by Chad Aucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Derby to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 PM. Motion passed.

Attendance/Sign-in Sheet  
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Gerard Banfill, Delegate Lock Haven EMS\*  
Scott Rhoat, Delegate, Bellefonte EMS\*  
Thomas Derby III, Delegate, Geisinger EMS/Berwick Ambulance\*  
Dayne Brophy, Delegate, Bloomsburg Ambulance Association\*  
John Harahus, Delegate, Geisinger Medical Center\*  
Allen Weaver, Delegate, Juniata County EMA  
Chad Aucker, Delegate, Snyder County 911\*  
Michael Coldren, Delegate, FAME EMS \*  
Bob Edwards, Delegate, PSU  
Phil Lucas, Delegate, Mifflin County EMA  
Dave Jones, Delegate, U.A.S.\*  
Kent Knable, Delegate, Centre LifeLink EMS  
Paula Miller, Delegate, EMTs Inc.  
James Blount, Delegate, William Cameron Hose Co.\*  
Rich Kelley, Delegate, Mount Nittany Medical Center Prehospital Services  
Michelle Dietrich, Delegate, Union County EMA  
Rob Mordan, Training Officer, Union County EMA  
Matthew Kurtz, Delegate, Geisinger EMS/Danville Ambulance\*  
Laura Shay, Delegate, Port Royal EMS\*  
Tim Nilson, Council Staff  
Cathy Grimes, Council Staff  
Kimbra Shoop, Council Staff  
Laura Rompolski, Council Staff  
Scott Reiner, Council Staff

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