

## Board of Directors Meeting

January 21, 2016

### I. **Call to Order and Introductions**

President Banfill called the Meeting to order at 12:10 P.M at the EOC in the Union County Government Building, Lewisburg.

### II. **Roll Call (Sign-in Sheet)**

A sign-in sheet was circulated.

### III. **Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by Dave Jones, seconded by Scott Rhoat to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion approved.

### IV. **Approval of Minutes – BOD meeting of October 15, 2015**

A motion was made by Dave Jones, seconded by Mick Abrashoff to approve the October 15, 2015 Board Minutes as presented. Motion approved.

### V. **Financial Reports-**

Financial reports were distributed for the 2015-16 Grant period; income/ expenses for October-December 2015 & Council Balance Sheet.

A motion was made by Tom Derby, seconded by Joy Byler to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion approved.

### VI. **Council Reports**

#### **Operational**

- **Staff Reports**

All staff reports are as written/submitted.

- **MCI/Strike Team**

Howdy reported that the Papal visit was a success. We had four regional EMS agencies participate along with staff & two regional providers who went down as part of the Medical Reserve Corp. The team hasn't met in a while; but a meeting is scheduled.

#### **MAC; QI/QA**

Amanda reported on the final report from the EMSVO QI project and that the current project was "scene air medical responses".

- **Training**

No report

- **EMS Leadership**  
Scott Rhoat reported that the leadership committee has met. Nothing major to report other than greater representation (Region wide) is welcomed.
- **PEHSC**  
PEHSC met on Sept. 10, 2015 in Lancaster as part of the annual EMS conference. No additional report available.

## VII. Business

### 2015-16 Grant

- Gerard reported that he and Tim have been discussing the financial situation on a frequent basis. Staff went through a month long layoff – two periods of two weeks each - exception was Laura who went to part time and Tim who remained full time.
- Tim reported that the Bureau is working on freeing up some leftover 2014-15 monies so that they are able to be re-distributed out to the regions. This isn't extra money; but, a partial payment on past due invoices to the Commonwealth. Also, the Governor's allowing some of the budget to pass will allow Councils to start receiving money toward invoices for the 2015-16 Grant cycle.

### Revised Regional MCI Plan

- Howdy reported that he has been working on revising the regional MCI plan which will incorporate EMS activities within all nine counties. He distributed a "draft" of the plan and received very few comments back. He provided a final draft to the BOD to review with anticipated approval at the April meeting. Questions or concerns are to be directed to him.

### BEMS Organizational Re-structuring

- Tim distributed correspondence received from the Bureau of EMS concerning a pilot they were conducting whereby the Commonwealth was going to be divided into three 'districts'. There would be a lead region & regional director who would coordinate communications and correspondence within that district. This was reported to be a way to increase efficiency and reduce costs as fewer "full" director meetings would be needed. Discussion followed.

### PA HeartRescue Project & CARES database

- Tim reported that the Bureau of EMS has asked Council to take over the CARES database coordination throughout the Commonwealth. Currently under the University of Pennsylvania, HeartRescue is coming

to an end and someone is needed to maintain and expand the CARES database. Money has been allocated for this program and he is now working with University officials to get the program transferred.

#### **Personnel Benefits discussion**

- Tim mentioned that we received our new health insurance premium costs recently and our premiums increased by 12.8%. Though Council currently has the funds to cover this increase, we need to take a look at employee benefits and modify as needed to remain solvent instead of waiting till the “crunch” is on. With the new health insurance taking effect in February, Tim asked if Council would endorse Gerard and him working on modifications to the benefits package; implementing what we felt needed; then bring it back to the BOD in April for their review and approval – needs BOD approval as it is a benefit established through Board resolution. Changes may include changing plans, reducing available coverages and/or “sin” tax(s). Board agreed with this proposal.

#### **VIII. Good of the Organization**

-Regional EMS Conference

March 18-20, 2016. Ken Bouvier, New Orleans EMS, will be the Keynote speaker.

#### **IX. Date/Location of Next Meeting**

April 21, 2016 – 12:00 P.M. – Location: Council’s Bellefonte Office

#### **X. Adjournment**

Tim requested a Board executive session to follow the meeting to discuss employee benefits.

A motion was made by Tom Derby, to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 PM.

Motion approved.

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Attendance Sheet

1. Scott Rhoat\*, Bellefonte EMS
2. Paul Sattazahn, Haneyville FC QRS
3. Kent Knable, Centre LifeLink EMS
4. Dave Jones\*, University Ambulance Service
5. Gerard Banfill\*, Lock Haven EMS
6. Mick Abrashoff\*, FAME EMS
7. Derick Shambach\*, Snyder County EMA
8. Chad Aucker\*, Snyder County 911
9. Tom Perrin\*, Union County West End Ambulance
10. Joy Byler\*, Big Valley EMS
11. Victoria Neal, Port Matilda EMS
12. George Widger\*, Great Columbia Medical Transport
13. Matt Abbey\*, Northumberland Fire Dept
14. Tom Derby\*, Berwick Ambulance
15. Michelle Dietrich, Union County EMA
16. Charles Meachum, Wm. Cameron Engine Co.
17. Amanda Krebs-Stancavage, SMEMSC Staff
18. Laura Rompolski, SMEMSC Staff
19. Howdy McGinnis, SMEMSC Staff
20. Tim Nilson, SMEMSC Director

\*Designates Board Member