**Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council**

**Summary Record of Meeting**

**April 6, 2022**

The official portion webcast of the Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council meeting can be found on the SWREMS website at www.swrems.org.

Tom Sampson called the unofficial portion of the meeting to order. Chairman Sampson will be joining late.

**Chairman’s Report**

Tom Sampson touched on the correspondence from the previous meeting. He heard back from Joe Giglio on the letter regarding the Article 30 changes. He also shared a packet was received from Stat Med Evac and we are holding off on this until further guidance from the state. Tom also touched on the definition for preceptors and what is required for the WREMAC and that this is for skills.

**Vice Chairman’s Report**

Jen was unable to attend.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mae shared the treasurer’s report.

**Secretary’s Report**

Dorothy was unable to attend.

**Past Chairman’s Report**

No report.

**Committee’s Reports**

**WREMAC**

Todd stated that there was very little to share from the WREMAC and that there was nothing to report. Dr. Walters mentioned that they bylaws are being reviewed to increase participation by Medical Directors. Also, there is a working group to create a policy for treatment in place. Dr. Walters also mentioned issues that are being experienced with transporting from adult care facilities.

**SEMAC/SEMSCO**

Mickey Forness reported that State Council is next week.

**STEMS**

Alicia’s report was distributed prior to the meeting. Another EMT-B Academy started this month and another will start in July. Two CMEs were held since the last meeting and there are 3 more coming up. There will be two CIU courses in May for instructors. Annual skills are due to STEMS by June 30. Donna spoke more on the EMT-B Academy and the success that STHCS has seen.

**Department of Health**

Ed Mager reported on the EMT-B Academy that happened across the state and that it was successful. Ed reported that Dr. Young will be retiring from DOH. He also mentioned that EMS memorial will be September 20 at 11 a.m. at Empire Plaza and Vital Signs Conference will be October 27-30. Certified providers in the state: CFR 8,153, EMT 53750, AEMT 759, Critical Care 1,241, and Paramedic 9,673 for 73,576 providers across the state. Only 50% of those providers show up on PCRs. Large number not providing care. The bureau is looking into moving EMS into the future. He reported EMT cards will become available on the HCS in the next few months. The FEMA resources have been demobilized.

**Community Relations**

Nothing to report.

**Education**

Mickey mentioned the instructor update courses will have educators from the outside for some different ideas for instructors.

**EMS Services**

Nothing to report. Mager mentioned Knapp Creek was issued an operating certificate.

**Legislative**

Nothing to report.

**Membership**

Dan will give his report under New Business.

**County Reports**

**Allegany County**

Bonnie reported they are working with U of R to get Dr. Lisa Ryder to be the county medical director for the agencies. She also reported the success of their EMS courses.

**Cattaraugus County**

Bobby reported the ER status dashboard has been disabled and infrastructure has stayed in place in case it is needed in the future. EMT classes are concluding, and the fall class schedule will be coming later. BLS protocols were put on the website, but he has not seen a summary of what has changed.

**Chautauqua County**

Dan reported they have county wide skills sessions scheduled and do not currently have EMT classes happening.

**Call To Order of Formal Portion of Meeting**

Chair Tom Sampson convened the session to order virtually online on Teams.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

Dan Imfeld moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved with a formatting change, second by Bobby Kuhn. All aye.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Tom reported the treasurer’s report. Todd Reisner moved to accept the treasurer’s report, second by Bill Johnston. All aye.

**Enforcement Notifications**

Tom Sampson read 4 enforcements into the record.

**Old Business**

Tom reported he has heard nothing on the CCEMS appeal and that the budget has not passed so there is nothing further on the Article 30 changes.

**New Business**

Dan Imfeld reported that Chautauqua County recommends Jamison Justham to serve on SWREMS, second by Bill Johnston. All aye.

There is a request from Angelica Rescue Squad have decided to give up their operating certificate and will be applying to be a BLSFR agency. Scott Lanphier mentioned this came quicker than expected, but MTS has been assisting Angelica with the closure plan, but the Village of Angelica meeting they voted to disband the ambulance and move forward. Will become a registered BLSFR. Mickey asked who would be covering this territory and they stated that the Village is going to contract for the service with MTS. MTS is currently covering the district with no contract, but they know this needs to be done. Ed spoke to what is necessary for the closure plan. As MTS has a CON for this area, there is no need for an emergency CON. There are no significant changes needed at this time.

Bobby Kuhn made motion to send a letter in support of a BLSFR for Angelica, second by Mickey. Scott Lanphier abstains, all others aye.

Bobby Kuhn made a motion to send a letter of acknowledgement of the surrender of Angelica’s CON, second by Mickey. Scott Lanphier abstains, all others aye.

Ed Mager stated the BLS protocol changes that were made were changing the word hospital to facility for the purposes of ET3.

Mickey stated that OGH received renewal of the stroke center accreditation.

There was a question on how each course sponsor handles their preceptors and that we may want to look into what each course sponsor does differently to come up with a region training program.

Bobby Kuhn made a motion to send an appreciation letter to Dr. Young on his retirement, second by Mickey Forness. All aye.

**Adjournment**

Bill Johnston motioned to adjourn, second by Mickey Forness. All aye.