

Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council

Summary Record of Meeting

August 7, 2019

Formal minutes of this meeting consist of a verbatim transcript of the proceeding which is accessible at the program agency's website www.SouthernTierEMS.org . This Summary Record of Meeting is provided to assist the members of Council in recollecting the salient aspects of the meeting should such be needed during future activities without having to undertake sorting through the volumes of transcript pages.

Call To Order of Informational Portion of Meeting:

Chair Ed Fredrickson convened the session to order (21 members, 1 member proxy, 1 STEMS staff, 1 NYSDOH Representative and 1 guest present (attendance listing on file at STEMS) at 6:30 P.M. in the conference room of the STEMS/STHCS office facility in Olean.

Correspondence:

E. Fredrickson reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Ed Koorse that would be addressed during the meeting.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer - M. Forness distributed a Treasurer's Report exhibiting the August 7 meeting time fund balance along with revenue and expenses incurred since the previous meeting. She noted that a CON Fee check had been received from Gowanda and that the First Quarter Reimbursement Voucher had been submitted to NYSDOH.

No other officers' reports were received.

Committee Reports:

WREMAC – T. Reisner reported that discussion had occurred about the Blood Draw Law For Enforcement Use and that although it is allowed that performing such blood draws is discouraged due to the court involvements that could likely result.

B. Walters reported that discussion was occurring about the revised protocols that have been adopted and how NYSDOH will roll-out such even though the WREMAC will be responsible for the actual roll-out. A number of details were unclear and needed to be resolved. NYSDOH had released a draft 83 slide training roll-out in regard to the basic protocols with revisions being expected, the timetable for such being unknown. Also, a series of videos had been released for training use by EMS Nation although they may not necessarily suffice as sufficient to cover roll-out credentialing. Squads were

cautioned about how strongly to utilize them. Many questions remained unanswered and therefore the WREMAC is awaiting further decision-making and guidance from NYSDOH before deciding upon its roll-out particulars. Once the roll-out occurs agencies will have 60 days to meet and comply with the new standards. The new protocols should not be utilized in the meantime. The timeline for finalization was unknown. A year-end timeframe was being anticipated.

B. Walters noted that agencies were having problems with electronic PCR's being accepted. NYS additions to NEMIS requirements were causing a problem along with mapping problems existing between NYS and NEMIS. Electronic PCR's that had been written over multiple years were being returned to agencies for revision.

E. Koorse reiterated that agencies were having problems with EPCR's not being accepted. He had observed that the EPCR process was discouraging EMTs from continuing in EMT service. He further expected that EMTs were declining to respond to calls because the time required completing the EPCR's after the call was becoming burdensome on volunteer EMTs. EMTs needing to go to work or to other commitments who knew that the extra call time required would conflict with such were thus not responding in order to avoid such conflicts. He predicted that it could force his agency to go out of business. D. Conroe expressed his concern that this was just one of several factors that were occurring from state and regional new requirements which have a result of discouraging EMT retention which in turn will result in longer response times due to fewer available EMTs and ambulances. He questioned as to if such well intended improvements were actually beneficial in the end since poor patient outcomes and higher mortality rates might result due to arrival delays and decreased personnel availability. A lively discussion ensued with no specific consensus developed and disagreements remaining over benefits/detractions.

SEMSCO & SEMAC – R. Hasson reported that no meetings had occurred since Council's last meeting.

DOH - D. Trzecz reported that (1) the rate of Municipal CONs was increasing; (2) the issue of alternate destinations was being discussed; (3) electronic submissions were being required more for forms and submittals; (4) Part 18 inspections were being given greater attention; (5) the Regional DOH Rep should be notified if an agency disciplines a member due to patient care; (6) Vital Signs will have a new Critical Care Track offering; (7) DOH HQ is adding staff to make-up for losses; and (8) inspections are finding inadequate equipment situations, especially in the pediatric area, along with non-functioning suction units.

STEMS - A. Broadbent distributed a written progress report summarizing activity that had occurred since the previous meeting. She noted that (1) Belfast had been added as a PECC; (2) a CLI course was being scheduled, and (3) that the Annual Spring Educational Conference would be held on March 27 & 28, 2020.

D. Kahm reported that (1) funding had been received for new teleconference equipment at Jones and at Irving Seneca Nation, resulting in now having 7 sites, and (2) ARC funding was pending for pediatric care classes.

Membership – E. Frederickson noted that E. Koorse's resignation had been received.

Community Relations - S. Lanphier reported that four new state awards were in the offing and that there would be a one month window to submit nominations. STEMS staff will circulate the announcement when it is received.

Legislative – No report.

Education – M. Forness reported that a new CLI Course was being explored and that there is a need for additional faculty. The shortage of faculty situation is being discussed at the state level.

EMS Service - T. Richardson reported that (1) Allegany County's 1206s are being reviewed and that it is going well; (2) the Dayton BLS First Responder Application had been received back and that incomplete items had been rectified – Gowanda and South Dayton were supporting the application; (3) the Seneca Ambulance Corps application for expansion to areas outside of the reservation is in a holding pattern as it works through the various involved agencies; (4) Gowanda expansion application was received incomplete; and (5) Alfred EMS may file an expansion application which will need to involve two regional councils.

County Reports:

Allegany County - County representatives reported that fall EMT classes had commenced and that the EMS Office location had changed.

Cattaraugus County - R. Kuhn reported that 3 EMT classes were forming.

Chautauqua County - County representatives reported that Starflight had ceased operations and that Stat Medivac would be covering the territory.

Call To Order of Formal Portion of Meeting:

Chairman Ed Fredrickson called the official formal meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. and noted that a quorum was present. (Attendance roster on file with STEMS.)

Previous Meeting Minutes:

W, Johnston moved **that the minutes of the June 5, 2019, meeting be approved as presented**, second by C. Baker. **All aye.**

Treasurer's Report:

M. Forness reviewed the Treasurer's Report handout detailing expenditure and income that had occurred since the previous meeting and which evidenced a current fund balance of \$7,899.18. She further noted that the first quarter \$2,099.00 reimbursement voucher had been submitted to NYSDOH. R. Hasson moved **that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented**, second by R. Kuhn. **All aye.**

Enforcement Notifications:

E. Fredrickson reported that enforcement notifications that had been received regarding Ursilla Bazemore and Jonah Yoon.

Old Business:

Mutual Aid Plans - E. Frederickson noted that reviews were progressing throughout the region.

State Council Rep – E Frederickson requested that letters of intent to serve be submitted in advance of the October council meeting.

New Business:

Ed Koorse Resignation – D. Conroe moved that **Ed Koorse’s resignation be accepted with regret and appreciation**, second by W. Johnston. **All aye.**

Dayton BLS First Responder Application – T. Richardson moved that **Council approve Dayton’s BLS First Response Program**, second by M. Forness. **All aye.**

2019 Vital Signs Conference – T. Reisner moved that **Council authorize the issuance of reimbursements to persons attending the 2019 NYS Vital Signs Conference as budgeted and as in accord with previous established policies per conditions required of individuals in accord with the standard equal county distributions policy** , second by R. Kuhn. **All aye.**

Adjournment:

At 7:40 P.M. C. Baker moved **that the meeting be adjourned**, second by W. Johnston. **All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. Conroe, Secretary

Next Meeting: Next meeting October 2 at the STEMS/STHCS facility.

2019 SWREMSCO Meeting Sign-in Sheet

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Members:						
<u>Allegany County</u>						
Kay Bushman	KB	KB	—	KB		
Sue Campbell	SC	SC	SC	SC		
Alternate - Terry Parker						
Mona Carbone	MC	MC	EX	MC		
Jessica Gaines	JG	EX	JG	EX		
Scott Lanphier	SL	SL	SL	SL		
Alternate - John "Skip" Hecker						
Daniel Marsh	DM	DM	DM	DM		
Tom Sampson	TS	TS	—	TS		
Mae Stadelmaier (alternate)	MSat	—	MSat	MSat		
Maggie Thompson	EX	—	MT	MT		
Alternate - Wendy Jacobson		WLJ				
J. Paul Weaver	JPW	JPW	EX	EX		
Bonnie VanHousen	BVH	BVH	BVH	JL		
Jeff Lockett	JL	JL	—	JL		
<u>Cattaraugus County</u>						
Chris Baker	CR	—	CR	CR		
Alternate - Cathi Peters						
Dorothy Button	DB	DB	DB	EX		
Alternate - Greg Payne						
Mickey Forness	MF	MF	MF	MF		
Alternate - Dan Parr						
Ed Fredrickson	EF	EF	EF	EF		
Ed Koorse	EX	—	EX	EX		
Alternate - Nate Douglas	ND	NDat				
Robert Kuhn	RL	RL	RL	RL		
Brad Pecherzewski	BP	BP	EX	EX		
Todd Reisner	TR	TR	TR	TR		
Alternate - Robert Pritchard						
Tim Richardson	TR	TR	TR	TR		
Alternate - Patrick Zink						
Dr. Brian Walters	BW	BW	BW	BW		



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Chautauqua County						
Stephen Cobb	sec	sec	sec	EX		
Douglas Conroe	PC	PC	EX	PC		
Jen Guttman	EX	WJ	EX	WJ		
Ron Hasson	RPH	RPH	RPH	RPH		
Dan Imfeld	side	IP	IP	—		
Alternate - Donna Bryant						
William Johnston	wj	wj	wj	wj		
Laura Logan	EX	LA	LA	LA		
Emelia Harley						
Alternate - Maureen Kohl						
Kevin Peebles	KP	KP	KP	EX		
Alternate - John Griffith						
Phil Wilson	(PW)	(PW)	(PW)	—		
Guests:						
Alicia Broadbent	ab	ab	ab	ab		
George Fillgrove	—	—	—	—		
Donna Kahm	(DK)	—	(DK)	(DK)		
Dr. P Henri Lamothe	—	—	—	—		
Jeff Luckey	—	—	—	—		
Ed Mager	—	—	—	—		
Don Trzepacz	DT	DT	DT	DT		
Mae Stadelmaier	MS	—	MS	MS at		
Neal Green	NG at	—	—	—		
Londa Turner	—	RT at	—	—		
Rob Geerman	—	—	RG at	—		