

Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council

Summary Record of Meeting

June 1, 2016

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:

Chairman Ed Frederickson convened those present (19 members, attendance listing on file at STEMS) at 6:30 P.M. at the Good Times Multi-Purpose Facility in the upper assembly room.

Officers Reports:

Chairman - Ed welcomed everyone to Olean and expressed his appreciation to those members and staff who managed the Annual Spring Regional EMS Educational Conference while noting how impressed he was with the quality of the program and with the excellent attendance that was experienced.

Treasurer - The Treasurer's Accounts Status Report was distributed along with a Budget Statement and Report of Remaining Balances for FY 2016-17 and a SWREMS Program Agency Budget sheet for FY 2015-16.

Secretary - Acting Secretary Tom Sampson noted that the previous minutes had been distributed via e-mail.

Committee Reports:

WREMAC - M. Forness reported that (1) the Collaborative Protocols, 180 pages, had occupied most of the agenda of the group's previous meeting and that some Critical Care practices would change from standing orders to medical control consultations. Educational rollout methods were under development. (2) PPAs would be due for submission by June 30 as usual; and (3) the 12 Lead Rollout for BLS providers was being developed.

STEMS - A. Kahm read aloud recent WREMAC approvals and reported that 40 agencies were currently live with E-PCRs and that 11 agencies were in the process of moving to E-PCRs. She then distributed a Spring Regional EMS Educational Conference Summary of Evaluations.

Education - M. Forness expressed her appreciation for all of the assistance that was received during the Spring Conference.

SEMAC - D. Kahm reported that (1) the Collaborative Protocols had been approved and that there was a desire to have an on-line / on demand rollout; (2) that the University of Rochester would be utilized for on-line testing, hopefully by year end.

Service - E. Frederickson commented on the JCC renewal application received.

SEMSCO - E. Frederickson noted that the report had been distributed electronically.

Community Relations - E. Frederickson reported that 2 award nominations had been submitted.

NYS DOH - E. Mager reported that (1) educational courses were being given emphasis; (2) he had been promoted to Regional EMS Coordinator and that his former position was currently open; and (3) he expressed his observation that the Spring Conference was an excellent training program.

Legislative - G. Fillgrove reported that (1) FSANY was pushing for adoption of Senate Bill 1904 that would allow volunteer agencies to invoice for services, that it had passed in one committee and is stalled in the Finance Committee. The reason for the stall is that an unintended consequence of the measure would be to under federal regulations disallow mutual aid providers from also invoicing for services. This could have serious impact on the availability of ALS fly car services and thus decrease the availability of ALS care. (2) On May 31 the governor had signed a provision liberalizing veterans buy-backs which will affect veterans on public EMS payrolls.

Communications:

E. Frederickson reviewed E. Mager's response to a policy inquiry of NYSDOH that had been made about auditing requirements and general expense procedures for SWREMS. He reported that there will be a need to obtain NYSDOH approval for expenditures that are not specified in the contract; that Council will no longer be allowed to fund certain educational programs which will affect Vital Signs Conference attendance funding; that the Annual Spring Conference will have to be structured differently if it is to continue to receive Council funding although this might not apply for the upcoming year since it is included in the approved budget which covers the 2013 – 2018 period.

County Reports:

Allegany - M. Barney reported that (1) the CME, Critical Care and EMT courses had finished; and (2) retention remains a concern as the current rate evidences a 50% loss of EMTs.

Cattaraugus - B. Kuhn reported that (1) all courses had finished; (2) a review was occurring of the ALS Mutual Aid Agreement; (3) work was occurring on integrating Trans Am into County Dispatch so that dispatch will know of Trans Am's status; and (4) the new radio system is aiming at going live on January 1.

Chautauqua - D. Imfeld reported that (1) the new trunking radio system was in the process of going live for the Fire Service; (2) EMT courses were being planned for Sheridan Fire and Sheriff's Academy

sites; (3) a preliminary draft of the County EMS Study had been received and sent back for data refinement; and (4) plans were moving forward to fully implement the Emergency Medical Dispatch Program.

Call To Order of Formal Meeting:

Chairman Ed Frederickson called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. noting that a quorum was present.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

R. Bell moved that the minutes of the April 6, 2016, meeting be approved as presented, second by E. Koorse. All aye.

Treasurer's Report:

M. Forness reviewed the handouts, including the normal Treasurer's Report, the Spring Conference Summary and copies of the past two year's budgets. She noted that Council currently had a bank account balance of \$16,628.28 and that all bills had been paid. She noted that Council was still awaiting some reimbursements that had been redirected due to Council's mailing address change. E. Koorse moved acceptance of the report, second by D. Imfeld. All aye.

Enforcement Notifications:

E. Frederickson read aloud notifications that had been received from NYSDOH regarding disciplinary actions taken with Christopher Jenkins of Hammondsport and Joseph Smegelsky of Oswego.

Old Business:

Awards Nominations - E. Frederickson reported that nominations had been submitted for Dr. Walters as Physician of Excellence and Phil Wilson as EMS Educator of Excellence.

Audit - D. Imfeld moved and P. Wilson seconded a motion that Council work with a CPA to engage NYSDOH to explore if Council can do a reconciliation instead of a formal audit. Motion withdrawn.

Employee Theft Insurance Policy - D. Imfeld moved that Council not renew the policy, second by E. Koorse. All aye.

New Business:

Alstar – CIRVFD Mutual Aid Agreement - E. Frederickson distributed a letter that had been received from WCA Services Corp reporting that the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Volunteer Fire Department had requested Alstar EMS mutual aid assistance for times when it might need ALS assistance when enroute to Lake Shore Hospital. Since the intercept might occur in Erie County, per NYS policy WCA Services is requesting both the SWREMSC and Wyoming-Erie Regional EMS Council approval of the mutual aid agreement. D. Imfeld made the motion to approve the agreement, second by M. Forness. All aye with P. Wilson abstaining due to his employment relationship with WCA Services Corp.

JCC Main Campus Course Sponsor Renewal - D. Imfeld moved to approve the renewal, T. Sampson second. All aye.

Chautauqua County Agency 03042 Agent Change -- B. Kuhn moved that the agent be changed from Julius Leone to Kevin Peebles, second by C. Baker. All aye.

Long Form Renewal Specialty Course - D. Imfeld moved that the sponsorship of STEMS via Olean General Hospital be approved, second by M. Forness. All aye.

Alstar EMS Renewal Short Form Training Plan Received - D. Imfeld moved acceptance and approval, second by T. Sampson. All aye.

Adjournment:

At 7:28 P.M. M. Forness moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by T. Sampson. All aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. Conroe
Secretary

Next Meeting:

August 3, 2016, at Good Times of Olean.