**Southwestern Regional Emergency Services Council**

**Summary Record of Meeting**

**July 1, 2020**

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

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Tom Sampson welcomed everyone to the meeting of SWREMS. He also asked if everyone can hear well, because the three counties used the distance learning sites within the counties to meet. Our first time using the sites, we are trying the social distancing requirements. He reminded everyone that one person speaks at time. No correspondence at this time. Tim Richardson has appointed Sally Bullers as his alternate and Dan Parr is in attendance as Mickey Forness’ alternate.

**Vice Chairman’s Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer is excused.

**Secretary’s Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Past Chairman’s Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Committee’s Reports**

**WREMAC**

Dr. Walters reported the May meeting was canceled. The Bureau extended the expiration date for all cards by one year. PPA’s skills extended until September 30th, maybe until the end of the year. The next meeting September 16, 2020.

**SEMAC/SEMSCO**

Dr. Walters stated last meeting postponed, next meeting TBA. They did send out information on COVID-19.

**Department of Health**

Don Trzepacz joined us by phone. He gave us a brief on the COVID-19 situation - how they are stocking up on PPE equipment, developing policies, and lessons learned. If someone has a suggestion for policies in the future please send them to him. He also reported that Vital Signs Academy is available and is high quality training with CEU’s for basics to paramedics. Regional staff were deployed to NYC to help with response to hospitals, they are now all back.

Ron Hasson mentioned an upcoming CON expansion and public hearing and questioned how that will take place.

Don Trzepacz state it would likely be a virtual situation as there is an executive order to allow public meeting by video.

**STEMS**

Alicia Broadbent distributed her report and is attached.

**Community Relations**

Nothing to report

**Education**

Alicia read Mickey’s report. Vital Signs Conference is scheduled for October 30, 31 November 1 in Saratoga and the STEMS conference has been rescheduled for November 20 and 21.

**EMS Services**

Brian Wilcox went over COT for Amity Rescue Squad. State is good with it.

Motion for EMS Services committee to recommend approval for Amity Rescue Squad COT to full council by Wilcox, second by Hasson. All aye.

In the future there will be Knapp Creek and Little Valley for Transfer of Authority.

**Legislative**

Nothing to report

**Membership**

Dan Imfeld went over letter from Tim Richardson on his Alternate Sally Bullers.

**County Reports**

**Allegany County**

EMT classes begin in August. Testing out completed.

**Cattaraugus County**

EOC was 100 days. They supported agencies with PPE and other concerns. Postponed two classes. Starting June with the Great Valley labs was left with half the class done. Delevan lectures weeks 8 sessions. First night back on Tuesday.

**Chautauqua County**

Ron Hasson stated he finally got in to the building at JCC, he had to move his equipment out and they put him in the BOCES building because he was the only office in that building.

All counties reported loss of some students from the EMT classes, some due to the COVID-19 and others not.

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

Chair Tom Sampson called meeting to order, with the note Southern Tier Health Care System in Olean, NY and via distance learning at Gerry Volunteer Fire Hall in Gerry, NY and Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, NY. Attendance of the meeting is on file with Southern Tier Health Care System. Roll call attendance was taken we have a quorum.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Bobby Kuhn moved that the minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by William Johnston. All in favor.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Alicia presented the report, Treasurer is excused.

**William Johnston moved to accept Treasurer’s report, Todd Reisner seconded. All in favor.**

Chairman Tom Sampson noted we received a reimbursement check of $14072.43 from the state.

**Enforcement Notifications**

David Torres from Brooklyn, NY. NYS certification has been revoked effective 03/06/2020 and assessed a civil penalty of $500.

Roberto Pagan Velazquez from Bronx, NY. NYS certification has been suspended for one (1) year effective 3/24/2020 and assessed a civil penalty of $2,000.

Jamie Whiting from Rochester, NY. NYS certification has been revoked effective 6/16/2020.

**Old Business**

**Dan Imfeld moved to accept the reappointment of Kay Bushman from Allegany County. Her reappointment will expire 2023. Seconded by Dan Marsh. All in favor. All aye.**

Mickey left us note on By-Laws were sent out and will revisit at the next meeting.

**New Business**

Dan Imfeld read letter from Tim Richardson for alternate Sally Bullers, she is with Olean City Fire.

Brian Wilcox went over EMS committee report and decision on the COT of Amity. Dan Marsh commented Amity is doing a fine job serving their area.

**Brian Wilcox made a Motion to approve Clarification of Operating Territory for Amity Rescue Squad. Roll call vote conducted. All aye.**

Don Trzepacz shared notice of sad news one of his coworkers loss her daughter. We stated we would keep her in our thoughts during this time.

Tom Sampson housekeeping, next meeting on August 5th, 2020. He thanked everyone for setting up in getting the via distance meeting and food for everyone.

Next meeting August 5th 2020 630 pm

**Adjournment**

**William Johnston motioned to adjourn, second by Scott Lanphier. All aye.**