

Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council Summary Record of Meeting December 1, 2021

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

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

Chairman's Report

Tom Sampson mentioned he will be appointing a nominating committee in the official portion of the meeting.

Vice Chairman's Report

Jen was unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Mae has nothing to report at this time.

Secretary's Report

Dorothy was unable to attend.

Past Chairman's Report

No report.

Committee's Reports

WREMAC

Todd Reisner mentioned the current ER wait times and that there was conversation at the WREMAC of when a hospital accepts responsibility for an incoming ambulance.

Scott Lanphier echoed what Todd Reisner stated and that our region has been very helpful when working with our hospital partners.

Dr. Walters stated that our EMS agencies need to continue to be good partners with the hospitals when there are delays. Dispatch is notifying the medical directors and coordinators when there are extended wait times.

Laura Logan expressed frustration of when a crew calls in and gives a report, but then when they get to the hospital they are unaware of the report.

Ed Mager reminded that there is an online form to submit to when there is extended wait times to make the state aware of these times. Peter Brodie let everyone know of the data the state is collecting to look into the wait times.

SEMACE/SEMSCO

Mickey Forness' report was sent out. There were many discussion items that were discussed in her report.

Dr. Walters mentioned there was a presentation on the Crisis in EMS and it was a good report.

STEMS

Alicia's report was distributed prior to the meeting. The EMT-B academy ended and it was successful course. Donna and Alicia were able to attend the Vital Signs Conference and have at

table promoting the PECC program. The pediatric webinar series is going on. Mickey urged everyone to attend as it is worth everyone's time.

Department of Health

Ed Mager mentioned that there are many resources related to Mental Health on the BEMS site. Peter Brodie reminded everyone of the EMS Agency Leadership call that is happening tomorrow.

Ryan Greenberg stated they are working to streamline the diversions into one place and to be able to check live.

Community Relations

Nothing to report.

Education

Reminded everyone of the pediatric courses.

EMS Services

Little Valley and Knapp Creek's are at the state and Randolph was sent back to Randolph.

Legislative

Nothing to report.

Membership

Dan will give his report under Old Business.

County Reports

Allegany County

Bonnie reported they have several classes that are currently running and they are working with the hospital to come up with innovative ideas to help with the increase in transports and the delays.

Cattaraugus County

Bobby reported that call volume is higher than usual. Bobby discussed the active load balancing plan. Been working on the course sponsor renewal.

Chautauqua County

Dan reported they are seeing longer wait times. They were able to vote on renewal for Allegany County members and those will be brought up later.

Call To Order of Formal Portion of Meeting

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

Previous Meeting Minutes

Bill Johnston moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented, second by Paul Weaver. All aye.

Treasurer's Report

Tom reported that there has been no activity. Bonnie VanHousen moved to accept the treasurer's report, second by Todd Reisner. All aye.

Enforcement Notifications

Tom Sampson read 12 enforcements into the record.

Old Business

Steven Blocker was in attendance from MURU to answer any questions. Todd Reisner expressed concern over the fee of the app once it is no longer going to be covered by the state. Steven explained the features that will be paid. Paul Weaver mentioned his concerns with the navigation of the MURU app. Steven further explained how the search feature works in the app. Scott Lanphier also expressed concern over the price of the app to get the extended features.

Tom Sampson reminded everyone to send in their Vital Signs reimbursement paperwork.

Dan Imfeld reminded everyone that there is an at-large position for Cattaraugus County open. Three at large positions are up for reappointment – Mickey Forness, Dan Imfeld and Kerrie Parr and they have all stated they want to continue. Todd Reisner motion and second by Brian Wilcox to reappoint those three individuals. All aye.

Chautauqua County voted reappoint Bill Johnston as the county representative, and Allegany County voted to reappoint Jessica Gaines and Paul Weaver as the county representatives. Motion by Dan Imfeld, second by Doug Conroe to reappoint those three individuals. All aye.

Scott Lanphier brought up the Critical Care program and how there was no sunset date when it passed the SEMSCO, this was discussed at UNYAN. Scott asks our representative to SEMSCO to remind the state that there was no end date for Critical Care approved by the SEMSCO. Mickey stated she would bring it to Education and Training and the SEMSCO.

Ed Mager mentioned that the new Health Commissioner for NYS started today.

New Business

Mickey made a motion that officer's will remain in place until the February meeting at which time a vote will be taken for election of officers, second by Bill Johnston. All aye.

Tom Sampson formed the nominating committee of Mickey Forness, Scott Lanphier and Dan Imfeld.

Scott Lanphier stated that the last State Council meeting was disaster and would question whether it met the requirements of open meeting law. He knows of many other individuals that had issues with the meeting and wanted to make sure to voice his displeasure to continue the meeting even after the state knew there was issues. Todd Reisner stated that we need to be clear that we support the hybrid model, but there are some issues that need to be fixed. Peter Brodie spoke about his plans for the future meetings to ensure there are not issues.

Adjournment

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