

Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council

Summary Record of Meeting

December 14, 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 recognized Bobby Kuhn on his research on EMS testing sites and issues to allow Mickey to address them at the state level. He also congratulated Brian Wilcox for the agreement with JCC to get a degree for the paramedic program.

Vice Chairman's Report

Jen was unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was shared.

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.

SEMACE/SEMSCO

Dr. Walters stated that there was a discussion on the length-based pediatric devices and some issues with dosing that are being addressed by SEMACE. He also reported that there was another webinar about EMS collaboration with adult care facilities. Staffing was also discussed and trying to survey hospitals for ER wait times, etc.

Todd Reisner reported that Quality Metrics is rolling out a tool that agencies can look at their stats in ImageTrend. Stated that this data is a great tool.

Mickey Forness reported that there is request in for increase funding in the State budget for all aspects of EMS. She also reported that course sponsors were sent a survey and are requesting responses. Testing issues are being addressed and you can email

ems.testingissues@health.ny.gov when issues occur. She also stated there is an RFP being written for testing.

STEMS

Alicia's report was distributed at the meeting. She reported that the EMS Leadership Academy will be held online starting in January and they are currently recruiting for people to participate.

Department of Health

Don Trzepacz reported that there will be a new health commissioner and that process is ongoing. He reported that DOH is being realigned for the hierarchy. Surge and flex operations center is still operating. Site inspections have resumed and he has seen many expired items at agencies. He also stated that some agencies that transitioned ePCR are not fully completing PCR's based on the policy statement.

Community Relations

Nothing to report.

Education

Mickey mentioned the education happening in the region.

EMS Services

Brian Wilcox reported that the F&C for Frewsburg TOA came through so that will be discussed under the official portion.

Legislative

Nothing to report.

Membership

Dan will give his report under New Business.

County Reports

Allegany County

Bonnie reported they have classes starting, including a class at Alfred State. Allegany County is also joining the Paramedic Program as a site.

Cattaraugus County

Bobby reported on the upcoming EMT classes in the county as well as the TECC classes coming up. They are also in the process of updating the mutual aid plans. He reported on his EMS class testing stats on students not testing, etc.

Chautauqua County

Dan reported they had a class that just finished and are working toward the billing issues for Fire Departments. He also reported they are working on an EMS Officer's workbook and will share that when ready.

Call To Order of Formal Portion of Meeting

Past-Chair Ed Fredrickson 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 Bill Johnston and Todd Reisner. All aye.

Treasurer's Report

Alicia reported the treasurer's report. Todd Reisner moved to accept the treasurer's report, second by Brian Wilcox. All aye.

Enforcement Notifications

Alicia Broadbent read enforcements into the record.

Old Business

Mickey stated the CCEMS CON Appeal will be at the next state council. Alicia reported no reimbursement requests were received for Vital Signs.

Motion to approve the the Little Genesee area agreement between Trans Am and MTS made by Mickey Forness, second by Bonnie VanHousen. All aye.

New Business

Expiring Membership terms:

At-large members expiring are Dr. Walters, Brian Wilcox and Laura Logan. All wish to continue.

Motion to approve by Bill Johnston, second by Mickey Forness. All aye.

County council members expiring are Dan Marsh, Tom Sampson, Todd Reisner and Jamison Justham. Motion by Todd Reisner, second by Bobby Kuhn. All aye.

Frewsburg TOA to change from the Fire Company to the Fire District. Seconded motion from the Services committee. 20 aye. 0 nay. 0 abstentions. Motion carries.

Motion to send a letter to BEMS about the EMS testing sites in our area by Dan Imfeld, second by Doug Conroe. All aye.

Adjournment

Dan Imfeld motioned to adjourn, second by Frances Perez. All aye.