

**Southwestern Regional EMS Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2016 Meeting**

1830 call to order informational session by Chair Ed Fredrickson

Correspondence

Letters of support related to EMT-CC received from several community members and EMS agencies- available for review.

Officers Reports

Chair - Review of agenda, committee assignments

Vice Chair - no report

Treasurer - report handed out.

Secretary - not available, Ed relays no report

Past Chair - no report

Committee Reports

WREMAC - Todd Reisner - roll out of the collaborative protocols, education materials will be available Jan 2017 (go live date), a request has been made for a line by line comparison of the collaborative protocols; CC education- meeting has been rescheduled with Dan Scott and Jeff Luckey, discussion of hurdles mainly related to monetary support; SREMSCO meeting- see report, trauma alerts, increase in Fentanyl on board to 400 mg., EMT-B to include Epi injections has been proposed

DOH - Ed Mager - conducted STEMS course review received A+, Vital Signs spaces still available (Syracuse), Narcotic licenses- DOH is assisting squads to apply to run as CC level or downgrade, the DOH continues to take a supportive role, templates are available- January 2017 NYS DOH will start enforcing no list is currently available have heard from some squads, a list will be provided of outstanding agencies to SWREMS; there has been a lot of activity with CONS

STEMS - Abbe Kahm - report attached

Membership - Dan Imfeld -discussion of expirations 2015, believes we discussed previously however wants to send a letter to councils regarding reappointment 2015/2016

Community Relations - Nancy Luger - no report

Legislative - George Filgrove - Chautauqua County has submitted a request for radio replacement, new Legislative session begins January if other Counties are interested the request must be in a month before the new session begins; Village of Canaseraga is dealing with a complex issue dealing with several small towns (Fire Service)

Education - Mickey Forness- Conference planning for Spring 2017 well underway with speakers being selected

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SEMAC- Brian Walters- Check and Inject Epi program has been discussed with 32 uses no adverse events, Five thousand plus kits have been issued with a motion made to approve the skill for rollout at BLS level which hopefully will be approved in the near future; Ron discussed the protocol in which parents might have held a child, reinforced all must be restrained, protocols will be changed to include this; Protocols that include call for ALS level are being discussed suggestions are to delineate and make the protocols more clear; Continued meetings related to fentanyl and Ketamine reports which can be reported now two times per year rather than four times per year; The EMT-CC TAG - at this time we are at the fact finding phase hopefully we will have more to share at the next meeting or in march 2017, Dr. Walters is concerned about the ongoing CC trainings but there have been discussions for a CC bridge course for those with current certifications again reinforced more to come on this topic- no further questions from the group.

EMS Services - Currently handling transfer of operations for Hinsdale; Independence operating in a small area (not on certificate); Weston mills- still in progress, lawyers reviewing; Genesee, Pa has submitted a request to expand operations within Allegany County, NYS directly to Albany (bypassed SWREMS); merger of WCA with ECMC, more on this next meeting; Jeff Luckey questions the amount of cost involved in a transfer- Ron explains the process may include various costs, Dan reinforces the process for a municipal CON bypasses SWREMS, Ed Major suggests that he and Dan meet with the entities involved in an effort to guide the process.

County Reports

Allegany - Jeff Luckey - Several meetings have been held in Allegany County related to the EMT-CC program, more has been learned about the funding allocations related to EMS training

Cattaraugus - Brian Walters and Donna Kahm discuss upcoming Vital Signs, upcoming Leadership training, Cath lab notification and pre-hospital labs, Check and Inject. More high band frequency will be implemented.

Chautauqua - Bill Johnston - Discussion related to ePCR, survey related to what classes are required, will work with course sponsors to increase the most popular courses; change in wording to Continual Improvement process rather than Quality improvement as this reflects a more positive meaning; Ron updated the group that five new instructor candidates have been suggested Ed Major updates the group that a concern has been addressed about the use of lights and sirens, he reinforced that this needs to be analyzed and re-evaluated as the urban areas have not been using lights and sirens except for _____ calls.

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This is a public safety concern. Dr. Walters reinforced protocols and the vehicle and traffic laws address this, all three counties should “drive this message home”, Ed Major suggests that a priority system/ guideline should be adopted, Dan requests a letter related to the current protocols be sent to the councils, Ed Fredrickson will get letters out to the Councils.

1926 Official Meeting called to order by Ed Fredrickson Chair (meeting recorded)

Quorum present

Minutes previous meeting -Motion Todd Reisner/2nd Mickey Forness accept - carried

Treasurers Report - Motion Ron Hasson; 2nd Bill Johnston accept - carried

Enforcement notifications - reviewed- Ziph Hedrington, Bronx, NY violation of 10 NYCRR Part 880.16 (a)(13) dated August, 2016

Old Business

AEMT/CC program- letter received reviewed, available for review, one of our members (Mickey Forness) is a member of the TAG committee, updates the group that everything is on the table at this time, when more information is available we will keep the group updated, discussion related to how mixed messages have been sent over the years, the National EMS standards do not include Critical Care levels, Dr. Walters discussed WREMAC had supported the national Standards in 2013 in support of AEMT and Paramedic levels, Scott Lanphier stated the nearest time we can have the next paramedic class in 2019, discussions related to a possible bridge class- Mickey reinforced that no class has yet been approved, Jeff Luckey added that currently five people have completed the Paramedic class, some signups are anticipated for the January class although he expressed concern that there may not be the ten required for the class, discussion concerning considering grant opportunities if available to assist potential participants, Jeff reinforced at this time there is only one CIC in Allegany County

Vital Signs Reimbursement policy distributed last meeting, no questions were raised, Mickey reinforced that all paperwork must be complete and accurate otherwise will be returned.

New Business

Transfer of Ownership from Hinsdale Maplehurst & Pleasant Valley Volunteer to Hinsdale Volunteer Fire District- Ron received in June, additional information was added and returned in August, all members have received the Transfer of Ownership for review; no conflicts- Ron Hasson /2nd by Bill Johnston Discussion Ron Hasson reinforced no feelings of doubt in fit and competency, Nathan Douglas present- no questions posed by the group.

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Todd Reisner reinforced geographic Configuration of area, no further discussion- Vote tally 19 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstention- Passed

Dan Imfeld - membership notations for the extension of 2015, unable to find entry in minutes- Motion to extend 2015 memberships through 2019. Vote tally 24 approved, one opposed, 0 abstention- Passed (Dan Imfeld suggests we discuss 2016 memberships at December meeting).

Motion to adjourn Mickey Forness/ 2nd Todd Reisner. Carried

2030 meeting adjourned

Next meeting December 7, 2016- Good Times Olean, New York

Respectfully submitted
Mona Carbone, Acting Secretary