

# Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council

## Summary Record of Meeting

April 5, 2017

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](http://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:

Vice Chair Mona Carbone convened the session to order (23 members, 2 STEMS staff, Senator Young's staffer and no guests present, attendance listing on file at STEMS) at 6:35 P.M. at the Good Times Multi-Purpose Facility in the upper assembly room.

### Correspondence:

M. Carbone reported that no general correspondence had been received beyond the normal membership and regular DOH communications.

### Officers Reports:

**Treasurer** - M. Forness distributed a Treasurer's Report exhibiting current fund balances and expenses incurred since the previous meeting and noted that the required forms had been submitted to the NYS Charities Bureau for 2016 activity.

No other officers' reports were received.

### Committee Reports:

**WREMAC** - Dr. Walters reported that the committee had met earlier that day and had finalized plans for the rollout of the new Collaborative Protocols which are to take effect on July 1. A May rollout was scheduled and both ALS and BLS providers would need to certify on them. The certification would be via an online open book test. It will be necessary to study the protocols in depth as the test will not otherwise be easy.

Dr. Walters next reported that a new Formulary had been approved and that it would be published soon. And, due to an availability shortage of solumedrol, decadron can be substituted.

Further, Dr. Walters reported that a new Refusal of Service Form had been approved for use in the field.

Lastly, Dr. Walters noted that a new handoff report method, MIST, is being recommended for trauma, stroke and cardiac patients. (M-Medical Info: age, sex, mechanism; I-Injuries on inspection; S-Symptoms, vital signs; T-treatment)

**SEMAC & SEMSCO** - Dr. Walters reported that neither entity had had a meeting since Council's last meeting.

**NYSDOH** - No report.

**STEMS** - A. Kahm distributed a report on activity that had occurred since Council's previous meeting along with noting that the Annual Spring Conference has had an excellent attendance and received very positive evaluations.

**Membership** - D. Imfeld reported that (1) Jeff Luckey had designated Bonnie VanHousen as his proxy, (2) Janet Roy had resigned; and (3) a membership application had been received from Dr. Jeff Myers.

**Community Relations** - N. Lugar reported that no state awards nominations had been received to date and that the deadline for such is May 1. STEMS staff volunteered to do an email blast to further solicit nominations.

**Legislative** – G. Fillgrove reported that the state budget for the upcoming year had very recently been approved and that details would be forthcoming.

**Education** - M. Forness reported that the 2018 Annual Spring Conference will be held on March 23 & 24.

**EMS Service** - R. Hasson reported that no new CON applications had been received.

### County Reports:

**Allegany County** - M. Barney reported that the Spring CFR class had just finished.

**Cattaraugus County** - B. Kuhn reported that (1) Tech Emergency classes were in the process of being scheduled; (2) a Medical Director Program was in development; and (3) the two way radio conversion project was moving forward with a mid-summer completion date being anticipated.

**Chautauqua County** - K. Peebles reported that (1) the Sheriff's Department Deputies' EMT Class had been completed and that 16 deputies passed the course; and (2) that vehicle delivery delays had pushed back the start of the County Fly Car Program to at least June 1. 20 paramedics had currently applied for employment and more applications were being sought.

D. Imfeld reported that the fire paging system conversion would be the next radio conversion task to be addressed.

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

Vice Chairman Mona Carbone called the official formal meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

W. Johnston moved **that the minutes of the February 1, 2017, meeting be approved as presented**, second by M. Forness. **All aye.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

M. Forness reviewed the Treasurer's Report handout. She noted that all bills had been paid and that the year to date account balance was \$7,529.67. She noted that the fiscal yearend unspent balance would be \$875.00. R. Hasson moved **acceptance of the Treasurer's Report**, second by T. Sampson. **All aye.**

**Enforcement Notifications:**

M. Carbone read aloud a notification that had been received from NYSDOH regarding disciplinary action taken with Andrew Lesce of NYC.

**Old Business:**

**Vital Signs Reimbursement Account** - M. Forness reported that the Vital Sign Conference funds had been disbursed as directed by Council.

**Agencies Consolidation:** E. Koorse reported that a consolidation had been completed on March 21. That the process had taken 2 years and that the Agency Code 0416 would now be 0410 moving forward.

**New Business:**

**WREMAC Appointment** – B. Walters moved that **Jeff Myers be appointed to the WREMAC** replacing Dr. Henry Lamothe, second by R. Hasson. **All aye.**

**Resignation Acceptance** – B. Kuhn moved to **accept with appreciation Janet Roy's resignation** from Council, second by T. Sampson. **All aye.**

**Council Membership Appointment** – W. Johnston moved to **appoint Dr. Jeff Myers to Council** membership to fill the open At Large position, second by R. Hasson. **All aye.**

**Service Refusal Forms** – D. Imfeld moved that the yearend **\$875 cash remaining balance be utilized to print Refusal Forms for circulation to regional providers**, second by W. Johnston. **All aye.**

**Senate Bill 1315** – T. Reisner reported that the pending Senate Bill 1315 would have municipal CONs going directly to the Commissioner without a Regional sign-off. B. Walters expressed a concern that municipals could then circumvent the process and establish commercial leased agency arrangements for working within municipalities without Regional review that would normally occur in regard to such agencies. R. Hasson moved that **a letter be sent to the Commissioner expressing Council’s concern about the unintended consequences of SB 1315 and that copies of said letter be also sent to Senator Young, Assemblyman Giglio, Assemblyman Goodell and the WREMAC Chair**, second by D. Marsh. **All aye.**

**Senate Bill 363** – It was noted that SB 363 would affect Municipal Law 209B’s payment provisions in regard to how Fly Cars would be paid for assisting ambulance agencies and the expense that this might thrust upon the volunteer agencies. R. Hasson moved that **Council go on record as opposing adoption of Senate Bill 363**, second by D. Imfeld. **Passed. 21 Aye, 2 Nay.**

W. Johnston reported that while he was in Orlando that he had observed that they there were following the new national protocol of the Stop The Bleeding Program and suggested that it be also utilized here regionally. B. Walters commented that the program will be a part of the new protocols. He suggested that instead of purchasing the expensive premade kits of bandages that agencies could save expense by piecing together their own kits.

P. Wilson noted that an accident had occurred in Chautauqua County involving an ambulance that happen to be traveling through the county and that a patient fatality resulted. This reminded him of having seat belts utilized in the rear during routine transports.

**Adjournment:**

At 7:25 P.M. R. Hasson moved that the **meeting be adjourned**, second by S. Lanphier. **All aye.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



Douglas E. Conroe  
Secretary

**Next Meeting:**

June 7, 2017, at Good Times of Olean.