

Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council

Summary Record of Meeting

August 2, 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 . 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:

Chair Ed Fredrickson convened the session to order (21 members, 3 STEMS staff, Senator Young's staffer and no guests present, attendance listing on file at STEMS) at 6:30 P.M. at the Good Times Multi-Purpose Facility in the upper assembly room.

Correspondence:

E. Fredrickson reported that a letter had been received from NYSDOH communicating that UPMC Chautauqua WCA had met the qualifications to become NYS Primary Stroke Center.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer - M. Forness distributed a Treasurer's Report exhibiting current fund balances and expenses incurred since the previous meeting and noted that (1) the fiscal year first quarter voucher had been submitted to NYSDOH, (2) that 2500 Refusal of Service forms had been printed and (3) that the Independence CON refund check had yet to be cashed.

No other officers' reports were received.

Committee Reports:

WREMAC - T. Reisner reported that a very brief meeting had occurred involving regular discussion and that a Planning Leadership Retreat was being considered. Allegany County had continued to input the committee about ALS staffing given the intended phase-out of the Critical Care Program and stressing the need to have Paramedic level training occur in an improved student access method.

STEMS - A. Kahm distributed a report on activity that had occurred since Council's previous meeting. She noted that 74 providers Region-wide had yet to complete the Collaborative Protocols testing and that applications were available for the next EMS Leadership Academy class offering. A. Kahm

reported that this would be her last Council Meeting since she was leaving STEMS to attend nursing school. She introduced Alicia Broadbent who is assuming her position at STEMS and who has been associated with STHC and thus is very familiar with STEMS.

Education – M. Forness reported that 2018 Annual Spring Conference speaker opportunities were being researched. T. Reisner reported that an AEMT Class offering was being planned in Cattaraugus County.

EMS Service – R. Hasson reported that no CON applications had been received to date. He noted that after review the state CON process is remaining the same as it has been.

NYSDOH – E. Mager reported that the Department is taking a hard approach on Narcotics Renewal Expirations. Agencies must drop their rating if they do not keep their narcotics license current. In order to renew agencies must file an application at least two (2) months in advance of the agency's license expiration date. Further, it has been agreed that agencies do not need multiple licenses if they utilize multiple locations.

County Reports:

Allegany County - M. Barney reported that EMT and AEMT classes had started with a CC class to be offered in the Fall. S. Lanphier added that a proposal had been submitted to the WREMAC that paramedic education be provided in the same setting as the CC class has been provided. This would enable the course to be local in nature and would keep costs down.

Cattaraugus County - B. Kuhn reported that the two way radio conversion project remained in progress.

Chautauqua County - S. Cobb reported that Office of Emergency Services Director Julius Leone will be retiring effective October 27. K. Peebles reported (1) that the County Fly Car Program was scheduled to commence at 6 AM on Monday, August 7, (2) that two county sponsored EMT classes were starting, and (3) that the Fall JCC basic class had 7 registrants to date and the basic refresher had 6 registrants to date placing both classes on the edge of whether or not they can proceed.

Call To Order of Formal Portion of Meeting:

Chairman Ed Fredrickson called the official formal meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

W. Johnston moved **that the minutes of the June 7, 2017, meeting be approved as presented**, second by L. Logan. **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 \$17,400.88. R. Hasson moved **acceptance of the Treasurer's Report**, second by W. Johnston. **All aye.** P. Wilson moved **that the balance of funds remaining after the Service Refusal Forms printing be utilized in support of the EMS Leadership Class**, second by S. Lanphier. **All aye.**

Enforcement Notifications:

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

Old Business:

Collaborative Protocols – A general discussion occurred about the new Collaborative Protocol Program. It was noted that revisions are already being discussed for BLS and medical matters. The difficulties that had occurred in the testing process were noted with a consensus resulting that the test needs to be better drafted in the future. Educators were concerned that the correct answers were not known and that therefore it was impossible to learn of corrections when performing QA/QI. Concern was also expressed that Test #2 was too advanced in ALS nature for BLS providers to undertake.

New Business:

Vital Signs Conference – It was noted that a CIC component is being added to the conference. STEMS will send out a reminder about the reimbursement process that Council requires.

For The Good Of The Order:

On behalf of Council, Chair Ed Fredrickson expressed Council's appreciation to Abbe Kahm for her conscientious service to Council and all of its regional EMS providers and wished her every satisfaction in her pending nursing career.

Adjournment:

At 7:35 P.M. W. Johnston moved that the **meeting be adjourned**, second by K. Peebles. **All aye.**

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas E. Conroe
Secretary

Next Meeting:

October 4, 2017, at Good Times of Olean.