

Southwestern Regional EMS Council Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2017
18:30

Officers reports:

Chair- Review of agenda- No report

Vice Chair- No report

Treasurer- Voucher 1660.47 sent to DOH. Vital Signs reimbursement requests, to go to counties first, return to SWREMS by December 1, Todd has requested we share the process again to reinforce importance of accurate submission.

Secretary- Not available- no report

Past Chair- No report

Committee reports:

WREMAC- More to come on C-Pap protocols, Collaborative protocols- nothing new, CC Level survey has been sent- please complete, AEMT manual protocol being discussed, Advanced skills such as needle decomp and pediatric intubation as well as BLS Blood Glucose and 12 lead project being discussed more but remains highly dependent on the receiving facility. Donna Kahm adds a discussion related to credentialing as several upstate squads offline as not up to date- a subcommittee is being formed to meet related to skills. Scott Lanphier reinforced there are rules, if not followed we should not “back off” on the date- no grace period. Brian Walters reinforces we have benefitted to have up to date credentialing and skills fairs, this allows for practice of skills, Kudos to all involved. Jeff Luckey reinforces that the Niagara and South Western region have benefitted.

STEMS- See handout outlining report (attached)

Education- Planning for 2018 Spring Conference

SEMAM- Reviewing the process of revising BLS protocols, any needing changes will be discussed and voted in January

EMS services- No further communication from Independence Ambulance

SEMSCO- The education committee is working toward a potential CC bridge- no time line to date. CME program is being revamped with greater ease of use anticipated. Prepping for Vital Signs. Also looking at current and non-active EMS completing CME courses. NYS BLS protocols being revised- reminder to Instructors- teach the current protocols NOT the collaborative. Some staffing changes ahead with retirement of Lee Burns and Donna Johnson- anticipate others before year end. It has been discussed having regulation changes related to testing to include age 17- State Council has approved- info only, at least six other states have allowed age seventeen. In relation to Narcan, another concentration becoming available- reminder to wait the 3-5 minutes before the next dosage. Reminder if Narcan is being administered by community member on site to make sure this is documented on the PCR.

Membership- Discussion of expiring terms at next meeting.

Community Relations- No report

DOH- Anticipate community agency evaluations and course sponsor audits within the next quarter.

Legislative- no report

RTAC- (Mickey) Stop The Bleed Program being rolled out to community- FYI.

County reports:

Allegany County- EMT and CC courses underway. CrossRoads facility will enhance learning opportunities through distance learning.

Cattaraugus County- Classes have 30-35 each, radio programming is winding down, Todd adds the need to reinforce the new protocol related to Cardiac Arrest.

Chautauqua- Fly car going well, discussed transition to CME program as education is moving toward technology use, New coordinator OES Director John Griffith- congrats to Julius on retirement.

Official Meeting (Recorded) called to order 19:12 by Chair Ed Fredrickson.

Quorum present.

Minutes previous meeting (August) distributed, approved by Phil Wilson, second Dan Marsh.

Treasurer report distributed- approved by Dan Marsh, second Todd Reisner.

Enforcement notifications read for group.

Old Business- Vital Signs conference vouchers will be accepted following conference, notice of process to be resent to squads.

New business-

Nominating committee discussed with committee members being Chautauqua Bill Johnston, Allegany Scott Lanphier, Cattaraugus Bobby Kuhn (Ed states he will stay on this committee if necessary). Reinforced terms ending will be discussed at next meeting (each county six members with four at large).

Request for letter to WREMAC to keep up with the work on credentialing and enforcement- reviewing skills list as well. Approved Dan Marsh with second Tom Sampson- unanimously passed by group vote.

Suggestion for letters to Lee Burns and Julius Leone for service and recognition at retirement- carried.

Next Meeting December 6 18:30- Good Times Olean, New York.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mona Carbone (Acting Secretary)