**Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council**

**Summary Record of Meeting**

**February 5, 2020**

The official portion webcast of the Southwestern Regional Emergency Medical Services Council meeting can be found on the SWREMS website at www.swrems.org.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Tom Sampson welcomed everyone to the meeting of SWREMS with a reminder of the purpose, responsibilities and mission of the Council. Additionally, Chairman Sampson congratulated SWREMS member on his recent appointment to Chief of the City of Olean Fire Department.

**Vice Chairman’s Report**

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer’s Report**

No report at this time.

**Secretary’s Report**

Position is currently vacate and will hopefully be filled tonight.

**Past Chairman’s Report**

Ed Fredrickson was unable to make the meeting.

**Committee’s Reports**

**WREMAC**

Dr. Walters reported that there was discussion about ongoing policy review, including the policy regarding Medical Direction. There was also a conversation to discuss holding a WREMAC leadership retreat. Additionally, medical control at Oishei was discussed as there was some disagreement on whether care can be terminated in the field on children. The bylaws are in revision and the credentialing policy is being discussed as to what is going to be required at each level. WREMAC discussed creating a policy on TXA, and conversations continue with trauma surgeons. The next meeting will be May 13 in the Big Lakes region.

Todd Reisner reported that a TAG was formed to develop SCT guidelines.

**SEMAC/SEMSCO**

Dr. Walters reported there was another REMAC that followed their policy and BEMS 14-01 and restricted a provider from performing skills. This went through the REMAC review process and the REMAC was sued. It was brought up that the BEMS policy may not be legally enforceable. The REMACs cannot place restrictions, however, individual medical directors can. In the process where a provider would usually be restricted, it was suggested to contact BEMS as the Bureau issues the EMT cards, so they must be the one to restrict a provider. ATS was discussed and a new process is coming. SEMAC/SEMSCO meeting dates were changed to 4 times per year. Mutual aid policy and BLSFR policy are being updated. Part 18 for mass gathering submission is going to an online submission. All paramedic exams will be computer-based testing (CBT), paper exams are still offered for the other levels, but CBT is available. Standards of Excellence will be coming out soon. Vital Signs will be in Saratoga October 29-November 1. An RFP was done by BEMS for leadership training for EMS agencies and providers. A EMS Workforce Shortage study was released and distributed by STEMS regarding the state of EMS.

Mickey Forness reported that a TAG is being created on provided mental wellness and will be moving forward.

**Department of Health**

Nothing to report.

**STEMS**

Alicia Broadbent reported that quite a few trainings have been held. The manikins have been received and are onsite at STHCS and ready to be used. Work has started on setting an online AED registry that would have all PAD sites sign up online for approval and continued management of their PAD programs.

Donna Kahm reported that the Program Agencies had been called to Albany for a meeting. At the meeting, it was discussed that the Director does not plan to continue funding 18 different program agencies once the contracts end. She also reported that she inquired about the vetting process for our SEMSCO member and she was told that it would take 2-8 months to get our member vetted.

**Community Relations**

Nothing to report.

**Education**

Mickey Forness reported that there are many educational events happening in the vicinity. Volunteers will also be requested for the conference.

**EMS Services**

Tim Richardson reported that Amity is working on their Clarification of Territory and that is moving in the right direction. He also reported that he has submitted his letter of resignation as Chairman of the Services committee.

**Legislative**

Todd Reisner reported that budget hearings are ongoing and there is a revenue shortfall for Medicaid. He urged everyone to speak to their elected officials on the importance of Medicaid funding and crossover payments.

**Membership**

Dan Imfeld reported that there is one resignation and a new applicant that will take place in the official portion.

**County Reports**

**Allegany County**

Bonnie VanHousen reported that the AEMT class is testing out in April, EMT class with 29 students is going well, and a CFR class that will test out in March. Will be hosting a Rural Planning meeting for DHSES.

**Cattaraugus County**

Bobby Kuhn reported that spring classes started and there is an increase in original students. Seneca EMS will be assuming responsibility for the EMS for the Allegany Indian Reservation VFD so they are working on that transition.

**Chautauqua County**

Steve Cobb reported that TLC closed and Dr. Walters worked with them on a last day policy. He is unaware of any problems with the closing at this point. They are currently working with StatMedEvac as well as the 12-06 mutual aid plans.

Ron Hasson reported that he has 26 in his EMT-B courses and about 16 are from fire departments. This is his highest enrollment in about 3 years.

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

Chair Tom Sampson convened the session to order in the training center of Southern Tier Health Care System in Olean, NY and via distance learning at Gerry Volunteer Fire Hall in Gerry, NY. Attendance of the meeting is on file with Southern Tier Health Care System.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

**W. Johnston moved that the minutes of the December 5, 2019, meeting be approved as presented, second by T. Richardson. All aye.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

No report at this time. Will be posted, once the report is available.

**Enforcement Notifications**

Michael Alicea from Woodhaven, NY, NYS certification revoked effective 1/10/2020.

**Old Business**

Chair Sampson stated that at the last meeting there was a discussion at the last meeting for members to submit to STHCS their ideas for the leftover monies originally allocated for Vital Signs funds. The following was approved: $700 for a speaker to address trauma, PTSD and suicide prevention, $334 for transcriptionist service, and $4,500 for Scott DeBoer to be a speaker at the Spring Training conference.

D. Imfeld reported that the Chautauqua County Council recommended Steve Cobb and Doug Conroe for reappointment. T. Sampson reported that at this time, there is no recommendation from Allegany County Council.

**D. Imfeld moved to accept the reappointment of S. Cobb and D. Conroe, second by R. Hasson. All aye.** SWREMS will wait for recommendation from Allegany County on reappointment of Kay Bushman.

**M. Forness motioned to appoint D. Button to the position of secretary, second by B. Wilcox. All aye.**

**New Business**

**S. Lanphier motioned to send a letter to the state regarding the appointment to SEMSCO, second by B. Wilcox. All aye.**

**M. Forness motioned to reappointment Dr. Brian Walters to SEMAC, second by B. VanHousen. All aye.**

D. Imfeld reported the resignation of S. Campbell from the council. **D. Imfeld motioned to accept her resignation with regret, second by S. Lanphier. All aye.** D. Imfeld also reported that there is one application from Allegany County from Maegan Stadelmaier who is currently an alternate. **D. Imfeld motioned to accept M. Stadelmaier as an at large member with a 2023 term expiration, second by W. Johnston. All aye.**

**S. Lanphier motioned to appoint M. Stadelmaier to the position of treasurer, second by B. VanHousen. All aye.**

**Ad-hoc Bylaws Committee**

Mickey Forness reported the proposed changes to the bylaws that were compiled by the ad-hoc committee. She stated the suggested changes would be typed and sent out to the council via email and will open a comment period. The changes will then be voted on at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

**D. Conroe motioned to adjourn, second by P. Weaver. All aye.**