



PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

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PEHSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Web Conference Call

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Minutes

CONVENE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Mr. Jones, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania – Donald DeReamus
Cetronia Ambulance Corps. – Christopher Peischl
City of Allentown – Eric Gratz
Emergency Medical Services Institute – Brian Shaw
Emergency Nurses Association, PA – Kay Bleecher, RN
First Aid and Safety Patrol of Lebanon County – Anthony Deaven
Harrisburg Area Community College – Robert Bernini
Highmark Inc. – Robert McCaughan
Northwest EMS – Scott Kingsboro
Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center – Steven Meador, MD
Pennsylvania ACEP – Bryan Wexler, MD
Pennsylvania ACEP – Cicely Elliott
Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute – Donald Konkle
Pennsylvania State University – J. David Jones
Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation – Juliet Altenburg, RN
Philadelphia University – Jean Bail, RN, Ed.D
Reading Health System – Anthony Martin
Reading Health System – Mervin Wertz
Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad of Montgomery County, Inc. – Ken Davidson
Susquehanna Health System – Charles Stutzman
Susquehanna Health System – Timothy Shumbat
UPMC Presbyterian – Myron Rickens
UPMC Presbyterian – Ronald Roth, MD
Valley Ambulance – J.R. Henry
Valley Ambulance – Mel Musulin
VFIS/Education & Training Services – William Niehenke
Wellspan York Hospital – Steven Schirk, MD
Williamsport Area Ambulance Service Cooperative – Gregory Frailey, DO

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Burholme EMS – Tim Hinchcliff
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western PA – Walt Stoy, Ph.D.
Chester County EMS Council Inc. – Leo Scaccia
Emergency Health Services Federation, Inc. – Michael Reihart, DO
Horsham Fire Company No 1 – Duane Spencer

LTS EMS Council – Carla Miller
Main Line Health – Christopher Knaff
Non-Profit Emergency Services of Beaver County – Steve Bailey
Philadelphia Regional EMS Council – Michael Touchstone
Southern Alleghenies EMS Council – Carl Moen

BUREAU OF EMS

John Englert

PEHSC STAFF

Janette Swade, Director
Patricia Morrison
Donald Potter
Thomas Winkler

OTHERS

John Logan
Michael Holtz, MD – University of Pittsburgh
Josh Stuart – EMSC Committee Chair

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

President Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and Ms. Swade did a roll call of the Board members that were on the call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Rickens and seconded by Mr. Deaven to approve the previous board meeting minutes of September 21, 2016. (Motion Carried.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Jones, President, gave the following report:

- SR60 reboot is underway. We have met with the Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania and the Ad Hoc Committee of the Senate and the House. Resolution is to be introduced in the new session. There are a significant number of recommendations.
- The Executive Committee met with the Department on November 7th. Issues and contract concerns were discussed. We would like a 2 year contract and have requested 1/12th payments. We will have a zero based budget next year and there will be \$100,000 less EMSOF dollars.
- Fees associated with licensing of providers as an option was discussed.
- Changes will be made with Medical Directors and the MAC with the development of a Department of Health MAC.
- We have requested a process change for our VTR responses.
- Dave will be representing PEHSC at PEMA's 911 Board meeting tomorrow to discuss System funding and phone tariffs. If you have any suggestions or comments contact Dave.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dr. Roth, Treasurer, gave the following report:

		CASH BALANCE AS OF:						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	7/31/2016	8/31/2016	9/30/2016	10/31/2016	11/30/2016	12/31/2016	1/31/2017
Contract Fund	2016-2017 Contract Amount \$538,224.00	69,683.92	87,115.84	143,726.20	106,589.84	101,581.11		
Payroll Account	Transfer Account	8,509.94	6,735.02	4,226.87	20,250.04	11,644.79		
Investment Income Fund	Income from Previous Investments HRA	14,495.65	14,417.54	14,345.06	14,295.33	14,235.45		
Secondary Income	Conference & Secondary Income	74,733.36	52,962.09	66,634.41	46,448.78	31,307.64		
Investment Funds transferred to PAEMSA 8/2015	Monthly Dividends into Balance	222,246.02	222,641.03	223,131.60	220,549.36	220,616.70		
		CASH BALANCE AS OF:						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2/28/2017	3/31/2017	4/30/2017	5/31/2017	6/30/2017		
Contract Fund	2016-2017 Contract Amount \$538,224.00							
Payroll Account	Transfer Account							
Investment Income Fund	Income from Previous Investments HRA							
Secondary Income	Conference & Secondary Income							
Investment Funds transferred to PAEMSA 8/2015	Monthly Dividends into Balance							

Mr. Jones asked for a motion to approve the treasurer’s report.

Dr. Frailey motioned and Dr. Bail seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

(Motion Carried.)

(The Treasurer’s Reports are on file for members to review.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Swade, Executive Director, gave the following report:

- Currently working on the contract for FY 2017-2018. Special projects with funding attached will be included in the contract. The Board will see the contract in January.
- The Audit for FY 2015-2016 was approved by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Department.
- Our 990 filing has been extended via the IRS at the request of our auditor, due to workload.
- We recently received the budget amendment and budget workbook that took effect in July.
- Four candidates have been selected for phone interviews for the EMS Systems Specialist position.
- Staff recently updated our brochures and displays for both PEHSC and EMSC.
- The line of credit with Citizens Bank has been approved again.
- Our October invoice was rejected and has to be re-submitted with the new workbook that we just received.

- Met with Gaudenzia recently. Looking at a possible pilot program with them to work on the current opioid crises.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT

Mr. Englert provided the following report:

- The majority of questions regarding EMSOF operating funds are on hold due to the Contract Officer position being vacant.
- Senior medical advisory panel is being formed by Director Gibbons.
- Blood glucose education piece to go on the LMS. 2017 protocol revision is underway; expect release in January.

TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Medical Advisory Committee – Dr. Reihart, Chair, provided the following report:

The MAC met on November 16th and on December 6th:

- The provider education program for the BLS blood glucose initiative has been completed and submitted to the Bureau of EMS. Special thanks to Dr. Duane Siberski and the staff at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences for spearheading this project.
- The MAC has been working with Dr. Kupas on the 2017 statewide treatment protocol update:
 - The committee, which includes all the regional medical directors, provided content recommendations for the BLS, AEMT and ALS protocols, which will be incorporated into a final draft that Dr. Kupas will submit to the regional medical directors for final review and concurrence.
 - As with past updates, the Bureau will create a protocol update educational program for the LMS.
 - Although Dr. Kupas has not formally announced a timeline for the updated protocols to be published, we anticipate this will occur in January.
 - The Bureau will also be working on an update to the provider scope of practice document, medication list and equipment list to compliment the changes to the protocols
- The MAC is discussing alternative strategies related to EMT administration of epinephrine to patients experiencing anaphylaxis due to the dramatic price increase for the Epi Pen.
- A pilot project to look at the use of ketamine as an alternative sedative in the Sedation-Assisted Intubation protocol is being designed by the regional medical directors from Montgomery and Bucks Co along with Dr. John McCarthy who represents the PEHSC critical care task force on MAC.
- Dr. Kupas briefed the committee on a new Sr. Medical Advisory Panel created by Director Gibbons. This group will advise the Director on clinical matters, including recommendations from PEHSC and updates to the statewide protocols. Director Gibbons feels this group will provide transparency for clinical decisions. The panel will have physician representatives from PEHSC, AAP, Regional Medical Directors and one field provider selected by PEHSC or AAP on a rotating basis. The first meeting of this group is scheduled for January.
- The next meeting of the MAC is a conference call scheduled for January 18th.

EMS for Children Advisory Committee – Mr. Stuart, Chair, provided the following report:

The Pennsylvania EMS for Children Advisory Committee met on November 3rd, 2016. Here is a brief summary of some of the ongoing projects:

Athletic Trainer & EMS Interaction Video

- We distributed the Athletic Trainer & EMS Interaction Video in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainer's Society. It is available on the EMSC website and the PEHSC

YouTube page. We are meeting later this week to work on developing an educational program to go along with the video, which we hope will be a one-hour distributive learning opportunity.

QI Collaborative

- We continue to pursue developing a pediatric medical facility recognition program for emergency departments. The EMSC Program, along with partners from the Pennsylvania chapters of American Academy of Pediatrics, Emergency Nurses Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation, the Department of Health, the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, and other stakeholders, are working to set the ground work for a medical recognition program in PA. The initial meeting of this group was held in November. The group supports the concept of improving emergency department readiness for children and exploring the idea of developing a recognition program in Pennsylvania for emergency departments. The next meeting will be held in January with the stakeholders to continue work on this project.

Safe Transport of Children

- The EMSC Program continues its work at both the state and federal level related to safe transport of children in ambulances. At the state level, we are working to develop an educational program that can be delivered either in person or distributively. In addition, we have released a list of safe transport devices that are currently on the market – this information can be found on the EMSC website. We hope to have this project completed in the spring of 2017. At the federal level, discussion continues related to crash testing of pediatric safe transport devices and additional guidance related to safe transport of children in ambulances.

CPS Technician Course

- EMSC and Pennsylvania Traffic Injury Prevention Project have partnered again to offer a CPS Technician course at no cost for EMS providers, taught (mostly) by EMS providers. This course will be held again at Cranberry Township EMS April 26-29, 2017. More information about this course will be sent out next month.

The next round of EMSC EMS agency surveys are coming in Spring! Please stay tuned as we will be asking for help to reach out to about 1/3 of all EMS agencies in the state!

Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program

- 163 agencies recognized under the Program.
- The Program received its annual review at the November EMSC Advisory Committee meeting.
- The Committee voted to include the Pennsylvania State Police PATCH criminal record check as a requirement concurrent with the ChildLine child abuse background clearance. There were other minor changes to the program as well.

Mr. Jones asked for a motion to approve VTR 1216-01.

Mr. Deaven motioned and Mr. Henry seconded to approve VTR 1216-01 which recommends: The Department of Health should accept the attached revision to the current Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program – Overview (Program Guide). This revision includes the Pennsylvania State Police P.A.T.C.H. (Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History) background check in the intermediate level of the program. (Motion passed.)

EMS Education Task Force- Ms. Swade provided the following report:

- No meetings have been held since the last Board meeting.
- Recommendations were submitted to the Department. They responded and will review for 2017.

EMS Information Task Force- Mr. Potter provided the following report:

- The task force last on November 17th.
- Review the proposed NEMESIS 3.4 data elements for Pennsylvania.
- BEMS staff anticipates the new data set will be published sometime in the first half of 2017.

Communications Committee – Mr. Musulin, Chair, provided the following update:

- On hold with FirstNet.
- Requested that the Department grant a three month extension on commo survey analysis.

Membership Committee – Mr. Bernini, Chair, provided the following report:

- One new Affiliate membership application was received since the last Board Meeting.
 - Fayette Township EMS, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Gratz and seconded by Mr. Davidson to approve Fayette Township EMS, Inc. as an Affiliate Council Member. (Motion passed.)

CONFERENCE REPORT

Ms. Swade provided the following report:

- The 2016 Conference Report is available for download in the meeting documents.
- Attendance was up from last year.
- Comments on the survey were good.
- The conference made about the same profit as last year.
- Next year is the 40th Annual EMS Conference
- Thanks to Mel & John who volunteered with the PA EMS Association to handle all of the vendor work and therefore were able to financially support their efforts via a percentage of vendor money to the PA EMS Association.
- Date for next year's conference will be about the same as last year.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation- Ms. Altenburg provided a brief update.

- The number of trauma centers in PA is growing. See press release.
- They are happy to do EMS education for providers on the functioning of 3 & 4 level trauma centers. A webinar is also planned for the coming year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nominating Committee 2017-

- Ms. Swade said that 10 organizations are due to come off of the board in March. The names of the 10 organizations were read and if they were able to be re-elected for another term, or had term limits.
- Mr. Jones appointed the following Board members to the committee:
Mr. Bernini, Mr. McCaughan, Mr. Niehenke, Ms. Blecher, and Mr. Rickens.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Conference Center At Central Penn College, 600 College Hill Road, Summerdale, PA 17093

ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

Following the business of the day, Dr. Frailey motioned and Mr. Rickens seconded to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. David Jones

President

JDJ/pm

Please Note: Recommendations voted upon at meetings are reflective of the consensus of the group present at that meeting, and does not guarantee a policy or procedural change by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the regional EMS councils.