

RAPPAHANNOCK EMS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Board of Directors

April 18, 2018

Board Members Present:

Eddie Allen, City of Fredericksburg
Jack Atkins, Rappahannock County
John Brandrup, At-Large
Mark Crnarich, At-Large
Scott Davis, City of Fredericksburg
Susan Dietrich, Caroline County
Kevin Dillard, At-Large
Patricia Fitzgerald, Westmoreland County
David Garvin, King George County
Donald Gore, Rappahannock County
Mary Hart, Fauquier County
Phyllis Hurlock, Culpeper County
Lori Knowles, Stafford County
Gregory Leitz, Spotsylvania County
Jeffrey McClure, Stafford County
Fred Messing, At-Large
Maurice Moody, Orange County
Nathan Mort, Orange County
William Ooten, Culpeper County
Louise Rollins, At-Large
Joseph Williams, Fauquier County

Staff Present:

Margot Moser, Office Manager
Wayne Perry, Executive Director

Board Members Excused:

Mark Garnett, Caroline County
William Harrington, Spotsylvania County
Tim Malanka, Stafford County

Guests:

Joshua Give, Fredericksburg Rescue Squad
Wesley Melson, LifeCare Medical Transports
Katrina Ramos, Fredericksburg Rescue Squad

Agency Presentation:

Jeff McClure made some comments to the board regarding the history of White Oak Volunteer Rescue Squad and relayed comments from the agency's President. The agency is staffed entirely by volunteers, and its first due is comprised of about 30 square miles of southeast Stafford. The agency also provides backup response to the entire county, as well as the county of King George and the City of Fredericksburg.

The agency recently held a salt fish breakfast which it does regularly as a fundraiser, along with spaghetti dinners. Board members were encouraged to come out and support the agency. Jeff thanked Lori and Stafford County for sponsoring the meal.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Dillard at White Oak Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department at 7:00 PM.

Approval of minutes:

The February 21, 2018 minutes were approved with several corrections: the affiliations of guests present at the meeting need to be changed, and the date for the Performance Improvement Committee Meeting needs to be changed.

Public Comments/Presentations from Guests:

None.

President's Report—Kevin Dillard

Kevin thanked Lori Knowles and Stafford County for providing the evening's meal. He also thanked White Oak Rescue Squad and Jeff McClure for hosting the dinner. Kevin also congratulated Bill Ooten on his permanent appointment to the position of Director of the Culpeper Office of EMS.

Pat Fitzgerald was again chosen by Westmoreland County to represent them on the board. Kevin called for a motion to ratify the renewal of her membership. John Brandrup made such a motion which was seconded by Susan Dietrich. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Grant Committee:

The Grant Committee had only four grants to review this cycle. FARC will review the submissions on June 7-8.

The Financial Assistance Review Committee is going to return to its old model of alternating meeting locations in order to tour area EMS agencies and see how RSAF are being used. The upcoming meetings to be held on June 7-8 will be held at the REMS Council offices. The committee will then visit some agencies that are recent recipients of RSAF grants. If you would like to meet the committee or be there as a representative of the REMS board, please let Kevin know. A finalized agenda will be distributed by REMS.

There have been many changes to the way that the committee is handling things lately and Kevin hopes that the REMS Council agencies will fare well.

Vice President's Report—Donald Gore

No report at this time.

By-Laws Committee:

No report at this time.

Secretary's Report—Mark Crnarich

Performance Improvement Committee:

No report at this time. There was no quorum for the April meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled in July. The committee may schedule an interim meeting which will be announced by the Council.

Treasurer's Report—John Brandrup

Finance Committee:

Financial statements for the third quarter were distributed prior to the meeting. There were no questions regarding the statements from the board. There has been an update to the Financial Policies and Procedures; the accountant from Marek Consulting suggested the addition of an escheatment policy. Fred Messing made a motion to present the Financial Policies and Procedures as presented, which was seconded by Eddie Allen. With no further discussion from the board, motion carried.

ACTION ITEM—Financial Policies and Procedures update

APPROVED

Guidelines and Training Committee:

No report at this time.

Committee Reports

CISM Report: Greg Leitz

The team is staying busy as usual. There are three classes coming up at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Stafford. They are sponsoring the classes so they will be free to attend. Details on that will come soon.

The team has several new members and has been out on four calls since the last board meeting. The last member training offered was Resiliency and Self-Care. Lori Knowles and Trisha Copeland taught a CISM Awareness Course during REMS' Spring CE offering.

Kevin thanked Greg and the team, saying the Board is proud of them, and mentioned that the REMS CISM team is the most active in the state.

Medical Direction Committee: Wayne for Dr. Tania White

Ketamine is now on shortage and the Medical Direction Committee has drafted a temporary replacement protocol. It is anticipated that analgesics and benzodiazapines will soon be on shortage as well.

The CLIA waiver acknowledgement forms sent out to agencies previously had the wrong expiration date for the waiver listed on them; new copies are being distributed to the board who will need to distribute them to agencies in their service area. OMD contracts are also due for renewal; please distribute those as appropriate and return either marked up or signed to the Council for completion.

Pharmacy Committee: Kevin Dillard for Joey King

The state has sent out copies of CSR certificates which need to be sent into REMS, please remind agency heads. The committee is currently looking into a process to track medication boxes and narcotic kits at the agency level in anticipation of regulation change which will not allow hospital pharmacies to restock ambulances.

Strategic Planning: Fred Messing

The committee has gone through some restructuring and been unable to meet since the last board meeting. The Board recently approved the Strategic Plan for another year. Some interim updates need to be made to the plan. The overall strategic directions outlined in the plan will remain valid, but responsibilities and timeframes will be better defined.

Heart and Stroke: Lori Knowles

The committee last met on March 7. Providers are still not noting last known well time on their reports; this is the specific time a patient was last known well and not when the symptoms started. Lori asked that board members please stress the importance of noting this with providers.

The Committee will be revising the HeartSafe Application some. Lori and Wayne recently presented the award materials to the Greater Williamsburg Area. Spotsylvania County is still working on their application and Lori stated she received a call from Chesapeake.

EMS Governor's Advisory Board: Lori Knowles

The EMS Advisory Board has not met since the last board meeting, and will meet again in May.

Staff Report—Wayne Perry

Training Updates

- REMS has provided 24 National Registry test sites so far including six during FY2017. So far in FY2018 the sites have not had sufficient registrations, so the first two have been cancelled.
- The NREMT has announced the closure of the Intermediate 99 testing options effective 12/31/2019. NO TESTING at this level will be provided after this date. All NREMT I-99 providers with an expiration date of March 31, 2018/19 have the option to recertify at the AEMT level. This will NOT affect their Virginia certification level, which will remain Intermediate 99.
- The staff attended a webinar on high-quality CPR, which is now linked on our website and available to review on-demand.
- The staff attended a webinar on CPAP and Capnography, which is available on demand as well.
- Training announcements are listed on the REMS website and FaceBook page, as well as provided in updates via social media. Please encourage providers to follow us on Twitter, like us on FB, and check the website periodically.

Events and Funding

- We are now within a month of this year's golf tournament and it will be held on Saturday April 28, 2018. We are still looking for more players and accepting sponsors.
- The regional awards program is seeking nominations throughout the year and currently accepting applications for 2018. If you have someone who would be a worthy candidate, please e-mail Vivian at vdelts@vaems.org. The event will again be held at the National Museum of the Marine Corps
- Virginia Department of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Equity grant update: word about the program is spreading and we continue to receive patient referrals.

Regional Systems and Programs

- We continue to offer Stress First Aid training. Please contact Wayne to begin the process of scheduling this opportunity.
- FirstNet has continued to meet with state and territory single points of contact (SPOC) and State Plan review teams in the states and territories, having now engaged with all states and territories on their respective State Plans. Stay tuned for updates and watch the State Plans Dashboard map develop.
- The American Heart Association has released a 2018 update and it is available here, along with the latest statistics on sudden cardiac arrest.

- The Virginia Heart Attack Coalition will be meeting on May 11. A representative from Chesapeake is expected to make a presentation regarding the HeartSafe Program which will most likely

Website/Technology

- The new website re-design seems to be cost prohibitive. We are considering having the staff receive additional training in WordPress to make the updates.

Executive Director Update

- The national database for sentinel and near-sentinel EMS events is up and ready to receive information. The reports are accessible through the REMS Council website. The 4th quarter 2017 Patient Safety Report and Violence Against Paramedics Report is still not published on their site.
- The strategic and regional approach to critical medication shortages webinar video, put out by HHS ASPR and ASTHO is available online. Updates from HHS ASPR are available in their TRACIE communication, and several ASPR newsletters have been posted in the drop box.
- Wayne attended another Virginia Trauma Task Force workshop in Richmond. It was a continuation of the work on the state trauma plan. If you would like to have details on any of the process please let him know.
- David Farmer, EMS Coordinator for SRMC has resigned, effective March 30.
- The Regional Field Coordinator and the Executive Director attended the EMS 3.0 summit and the annual EMS on the Hill event on April 10 and 11.
- The provider health and safety committee meeting was held in February and the meeting minutes have been posted in the Drop Box.
- Weekly updates have been received from the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and are available as a PDF in the drop box.
- Regional Directors Group is currently holding work sessions for the new OEMS contract.

OEMS Update

- SB715 regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by FF/EMT was defeated on the house floor.
- The EMS GAB approved a recommendation from the TCC/MDC that eliminated the PRE-requisite of CPR for an EMT student and changed it to a co-requisite. Details are included in the shared drive.
- Don't have firm data in yet, but there were 154 applicants for the EMS scholarship funding during the first cycle; 93 of which were submitted successfully, 61 are in "pending" status and have not yet been submitted. Of the applications submitted: 30 were for EMT programs; 6 for Intermediate programs; and, 57 for Paramedic programs. OEMS DED and OHE personnel continue to work with via regular email and phone contacts scholarship candidates with "pending" applications in order to

complete them and move them through the decision process. The second application cycle began on January 1, 2018 and will end on February 28, 2018.

- Chuck Faison has resigned from OEMS, effective April 20.
- Greg Neiman has been replaced by Billy Fritz.
- National Registry will no longer be certifying I-99; OEMS is working to make I-99 providers eligible for NR AEMT certification.
- An OMD workshop will be held in Abingdon on 4/26; OMD expirations are on the list provided in the drop box.

Unfinished Business:

Kevin encouraged all board members representing a region that has not yet achieved their HeartSafe status to pursue it and let the Council know how they may assist. Several localities have already achieved this status and it would be a great accomplishment to be the first Council in the state to have its entire service area designated HeartSafe.

The Regional Awards are coming up; Kevin stated that nominations are much simpler this year, and asked that board members submit and encourage individuals from their localities to submit for the awards.

May 19 is the National EMS Memorial Service at the National Harbor. Kevin said that if board members are able to attend, consider doing so. Nationally, more providers are committing suicide than dying in the line of duty. Kevin again thanked the CISM team for the great work they do and mentioned that everyone should be looking for signs someone needs help.

Kevin also announced that on May 23 a Medicare representative will be doing a presentation on billing from 9 AM to 1 PM at LifeCare. This is a good opportunity for agencies who bill to send a representative for clarification regarding what Medicare will and will not pay for.

New Business:

Wayne announced that the Council received a training announcement regarding the NYFD Medical Special Operations Conference and decided to sponsor a provider to attend. This individual is to be chosen by random drawing from people who either submitted a Regional Award nomination or registered for the golf tournament. Wayne chose James Pfister at random from a drawing and the Council will be contacting him.

Lori Knowles mentioned that soon agencies may have to manage their own emergency medications, and asked whether we know of any systems in the area or neighboring states who are already doing this and may provide some kind of a model for REMS area agencies to consider. Kevin mentioned that this is to be covered at the next Governor's Advisory Board meeting and he anticipates having more information about it at the next board meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7 PM on June 20 at Remington Volunteer Fire Department.