



**Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS and Systems of Care**

**EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**09/17/2024**

**3:00 p.m.**

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**248-509-0316 Conf. ID: 347 253 351#**

**Member Attendees:** Gary Wadaga - Chair, Curtis LeSage, Chuck Herbst, Paul Peterson, Rick Dupon, Rob Edmonds, Katherine Young, Kevin Mohar, Bryan Kukla, Pat Boberg, Ed Unger, Dr. Edwards, Nic Wilson

**Absent:** Dr. Bigsby, Leslie Hall, Dr. Brent, Patrick Fox

**Guests:** Matt Lacrosse, James Cousino, Connie Nault, Melissa Chamberlain

**BETP Staff:** Frascone, Piette, Kerr, Wagner, Bergquist, Flory, Kuhl, Rudzki, Mishra, Corey, Kinney

1. **Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. and there is a quorum today.**
2. **Approval of Agenda and minutes from May 21, 2024. Motion to approve the agenda (Edwards, Peterson). Approved. Motion to approve the minutes from May 21, 2024 (Dupon, Unger). Approved.**
3. **Old Business**
  - **State Update – Emily Bergquist**
    - Grantees for FY 2024, two days (September 19, 2024) to get year-end items in or it will be held until November.
  - **Mi-Medic Card Rollout to Agencies**
    - All agencies should have MI-Medic cards now. There are carryover funds to purchase Peditapes, notifications will be made when they are available. For questions, please contact [Dr. Sam](#).
4. **New Business**
  - **Department of Corrections contracts for EMS service update**
    - MAAS has been working to resolve the claim payments that are owed to agencies, please reach out to your local representatives to help get some movement with this issue.
  - **Education Update Webinar-November**
    - Information will be in the Wednesday update when it is available.

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- **UP Health CIP class**
  - They have seven people getting ready to take exams in November, waiting a little bit to start the next course for promoting purposes.

**5. Updates**

- **Women in EMS Update – A. Abbas or Emily Bergquist**
- Emily Bergquist went to leadership conference, it was a great event, great speakers, membership is open. You do not have to be a woman to be a member.
- **MCRH Update-Patrick Fox**
  - Patrick Fox was hired as the EMS Programs Manager and has been taking an agency tour for meet and greets and find out how MCRH can help rural agencies. He is very willing to help in many ways. Patrick will be voted into the Rural Subcommittee on Friday at EMSCC. MCRH is very successful with receiving and distributing the grants they have received.
- **NMCRH Update: Fall UP Tour-E. Bur**
  - Elise Bur has been with Patrick Fox on the agency tour.
- **MIREMS – L. Hall**
  - No update today, they are working on grants.
- **Education Updates**
  - UPEMS-Nov 1-2 in Sault at Lake Superior State
  - UP Health IC Course
  - NCMC IC Course-Petoskey
  - Bay College-New Staff
    - Jim Cousino is the new Program Director and gave an update. They intend to grow the programs there, classes starting in January with new grant and an IC course, also anticipated to start mid-January, and a CCP course in future with partnerships, Connie Nault will help with that.

**6. Additional Items from Attendees**

**Dr. Sam – EMSC Update:**

- **NEW Pediatric Education Hour** – please reach out to [Dr. Sam](#) if you would like to be added
- **Restraints of children in ambulances (hcr4)** – we do not endorse specific systems as there are no crash test standards, please reach out to Dr. Sam with questions.
- **MI-Medic** – reach out to Dr. Sam if you do not have cards and think you should. Phase 2 includes additional printed copies and contacting education programs that still need some, and distributing Pediatapes when they are available to those that need them.

**Dr. Edwards** – TEEX peds two-day course in Escanaba and there will be another course in November. Details will be shared when available.

**Rick Dupon** – question about mi medic errors, send those to the office so we can check on those, the online version is the most please refer to those first.

**Bryan Kukla** – question about the protocol for safe transport of children and the term ACR, Dr. Sam advised there will be an internal discussion. [NASEMSO Resource](#)

**EMSCC Meeting** this Friday, 9/20/2024 at LCC West, in-person and virtual.

7. **Adjourn. Motion to adjourn (Young, Mohar). Approved.**
8. **Next Meeting – October 15, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**