

EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES

01/17/2023

3:00 p.m.

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Member Attendees: Gary Wadaga, Curtis LeSage, Chuck Herbst, Rick Dupon, Andrea Abbas, Jeff White, Paul Peterson, Ed Unger, Bill Forbush, Lance Corey, Pat Boberg, Dr. Edwards, Alyson Sundberg, Nic Wilson

Absent: Dr. Bigsby, Bob Kirkley, Leslie Hall, Michael Holdeman

Guests: Rob Warnemuende, Elise Bur

BETP Staff: Frascone, Piette, Babb, Rudzki, Wagner, Bergquist, Kuhl

1. **Call to Order** -The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. **Approve the Agenda** -motion to approve (Peterson, Dupon). **Approved.**
3. **Approve the Minutes from 09/20/2022** – not voted on
4. **Old Business** - none
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Members-**
 - Eastern UP area (replace Chris Peterson) Kevin Mohar to be appointed at the January EMSCC meeting per Nicole
 - Northern Lower Peninsula area (replace Bill Forbush) -per Bill Forbush, he is staying on the committee
 - b. **Interfacility Transfers-**
 - Alyson Sundberg discussed issues with interfacility and the administrative rules requiring 24/7 availability. Staffing has been causing issues to provide anything outside of 911 calls. She asked about options for the rural areas. The group discussed. Per Nicole, they are going to discuss adding an Ad Hoc at EMSCC and suggested getting in touch with Debbie Condino if interested in the Ad Hoc. It was suggested that this is a good subject to bring up on Friday in the rural report, email Nicole for the application for the Ad Hoc (if applicable).
 - c. **Workforce grant summary and update-E. Bergquist**
 - Emily provided an update. Close to 50% was awarded to rural entities. The applications are in revision still. Three facilities in the UP are getting funding. They are set to deploy around \$6 million, depending on the outcomes. The next grant rounds will be longer. This round's time frame was very fast. The next round will begin earlier with funding set for 10/1 which is the next fiscal year and discussed the processes.

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d. Surveys and Assessments

- EMSC survey is opening this month-data collection will come from a Utah email.
- Recruitment and Retention Survey and committee updates- state discussing agency survey and outreach, per Nicole, the in-house epidemiologist will help with that, working on a date for this spring.
- Other surveys- N/A

6. Updates

a. Protocol release update-

- Dr. Edwards gave a brief update. Discussion of another meeting at the end of the month for another release out for review, this means all should be out by then-Krisy is hoping for by this spring/summer. The training tour previously scheduled is on hold until the protocols are complete.

b. Women in EMS

- Andrea gave updates on the national women in EMS group a new group focused on education and empowerment. They have both female and male representatives.

c. MCRH Update

- Andrea advised the [Assistance to Firefighters Grant](#) is now open! The application deadline is **5 p.m. February 10, 2023**. More information can be found in the email communication linked [here](#). Flex EMS grants are coming along nicely. Her facility was awarded the workforce grant and will be rolling that out soon.

d. NMCRH Update

- Elise gave updates on solidifying a project manager for train the trainer throughout the UP, this will take a few months. She met with Sarah Lucas, who would like to hear more about that project and will be a great resource. They will also be rolling out a UP community health town hall webinar, one hour a month.

e. MiREMS Update-no update

f. Educational Updates

- MCRH is still developing their webinar schedule. EMS Leadership Academy is scheduled. A QI/QA workshop is also scheduled. You can [email her](#) if you have any ideas/preference for venues.
- Evaluator Training-Nicole provided information via the Wednesday Update. The next one is scheduled for January 23.

7. Additional Items from Attendees – none

8. Adjourn -the meeting was adjourned at 3: 50 p.m. (Lesage, Unger). Adjourned.

9. Next Meeting February 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.