

EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES

03/21/2023

3:00 p.m.

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Member Attendees: Gary Wadaga, Curtis LeSage, Chuck Herbst, Rick Dupon, Andrea Abbas, Ed Unger, Paul Peterson Kevin Mohar, Lance Corey, Dr. Bigsby, Leslie Hall.

Absent: Pat Boberg, Jeff White, Bill Forbush, Dr. Edwards, Nic Wilson, Bob Kirkley, Michael Holdeman.

Guests: Melissa Chamberlain Jamie Dolan.

BETP Staff: Frascone, Piette, Babb, Wagner, Bergquist, Kuhl, Flory, Kerr, Kinney, Mishra.

1. **Call to Order** -The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.
2. **Approve the Agenda** -motion to approve (Hall, Dr. Bigsby) Approved.
3. **Approve the Minutes from 01/17/2023** – motion to approve (Dupon, Peterson). Approved.
4. **Old Business** –
 - **Interfacility Transfers**
The group discussed the UP regional group working on this. There has been one meeting so far, with another one tomorrow. Dr. Bigsby discussed coming up with ways to simplify the transfer process or improve agency contact methods. Emily Bergquist informs the group that we have a new ad hoc subcommittee, and they meet April 7 in the afternoon for the first time. They discussed the protocol and have inserted a section for the MCA to fill out with a choice about IFT. They discussed contact methods/communication centers.
 - **Workforce grant** – E. Bergquist
Emily Bergquist discussed there will be a stakeholder group meeting this week. This grant will open from around June through around August and will be staggered. Funding will be good for the full fiscal year 2024, Oct 1-Sept 30. People have started receiving funds for the current round.
 - **Surveys and Assessments** – see below

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- EMSC
 - Dr. Sam Mishra shared some data from the annual national EMSC survey to the group and where we are at right now, this is the last two weeks.
- Recruitment and Retention
 - First meeting is April 12 in person with a virtual option, to discuss surveys for past, present and future. The department has been collecting data on retention of licensees and Emily Bergquist shared some of that data with the group.
- Protocol Release – K. Kuhl

Another batch is going through QATF this month. She is hoping all will be done after that, there might be a couple that require some discussion. Instructions will be sent out after they have all been released.

5. Updates

- [Women in EMS](#) Update – A. Abbas

They are now accepting mentee applications; due April 15.
- [MCRH](#) Update – A. Abbas

There are three active grants right now for MCRH. The EMS education schedule is up, there are lots of workshops available to participate in.
- [NMCRH](#) Update – E. Bur

Nothing today
- [MiREMS](#) – L. Hall

There are several grants being worked on right now, many are education based. There will be a conference in August regarding mental health for first responders. The R&R toolkit for EMS and fire is completed and available. The needs assessment just finished collecting responses and putting together a report.
- Education Updates

There are a few conferences coming up. Amanda Kinney provided an update on the Paramedic Preparedness Program, which is now live, the program directors have been notified with instructions, information will also be in the Wednesday update. Programs are requesting BLS exam portfolios information and the department is receiving positive feedback. Amanda will be doing an exam evaluator training in the UP, this will be live with a virtual option along with a Q&A. Emily Bergquist advised the group that starting April 1, ICs will no longer have to create and provide chit sheets for CE as ImageTrend will automatically provide those.

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6. New Business

- New Member – Kevin Mohar, Eastern UP
Kevin Mohar provided an introduction and some background information.
- Equipment List
The group discussed the new equipment list that was added to some of the protocols. The group will discuss this more at the next meeting.

7. Additional Items from Attendees –

- Gary Wadaga advised for those that have been chosen for year one and two cost data have a due date coming soon. The group discussed the use of [Twiage](#) and what other options are available for telehealth communications.

8. Adjourn -the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m. (Peterson, Unger). Adjourned.

9. Next Meeting April 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.