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EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES

09/19/2023

3:00 p.m.

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Member Attendees: Gary Wadaga, Chuck Herbst, Ed Unger, Kevin Mohar, Dr. Edwards, Curtis LeSage, Rick Dupon, Paul Peterson, Dr. Bigsby

Absent: Andrea Abbas, Leslie Hall, Pat Boberg, Jeff White, Bill Forbush, Nic Wilson, Lance Corey, Bob Kirkley, Michael Holdeman

Guests: Michael Yanz

BETP Staff: Frascone, Piette, Babb, Wagner, Bergquist, Kinney

1. **Call to Order -The meeting was started at 3:02 p.m.**
2. **Approve the Agenda - no vote taken today.**
3. **Old Business**
 - **The interfacility transfer meeting July 24 update**
 - The group worked through problem statements per Emily Bergquist, their next meeting is Monday, 09/25/2023.
 - **Workforce grant update**
 - Emily Bergquist suggested everyone read their emails, if an email is received, items need to be added to the grant application to avoid delays for the 10/01/2023 goal for disbursement. Emily further explained the slight budget increase this time to include EMT training, as well as paramedic training and the commitment to be as liberal as we are able with the funding to increase student participation, which will help increase staffing.
 - **Protocols update – K. Kuhl**
 - Krisy Kuhl is currently traveling to MCAs for protocol education, per Gary Wadaga, and Gary is encouraging everyone to do their best to attend the training. Protocols will be ADOPTED by MCAs no later than February 29, 2024. Protocols will be IMPLEMENTED no later than March 31, 2024.
 - **Digital Mi-Medic cards update**
 - Emily Bergquist explained the digital versions have been released and print versions will come later in the calendar year. There has been some discussion about doses, the digital copies will be updated

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and labeled 'version 4.1' when they are released, by the end of this month. Dr. Bigsby suggested sending print versions directly to MCAs for distribution and Emily thinks that could be a possibility. Dr. Sam may also be doing some in-person training and may be able to bring the prints for distribution.

- **EMSC-Dr. Mishra**

- Dr. Mishra (Tom Frascone) gave an update on the Pediatric behavioral health readiness at Treetops in Gaylord October 4, 2023. There are at least 56 people signed up. This is a free event; EMS CEs are already approved, registration ends 09/20/2023.

- **Recruitment/Retention-E. Bergquist**

- Emily Bergquist shared the video that was created for recruitment and retention with the group. The video is available on YouTube and is on the EMSCC agenda for September 22, 2023. There have also been links added to the website for grantees that offer public facing grants/scholarships. There will be additional materials from communications soon.

4. Updates

- **Women in EMS Update – A. Abbas**

- **MCRH Update – A. Abbas**

- they are helping support the pediatric readiness in Gaylord.

- **NMCRH Update – E. Bur**

- **MiREMS – L. Hall**

- Update on the wellness conference at NMU. Ed Unger advised of their help with funding, it was an excellent conference, with around 75 people in attendance. The next wellness conference will be in Traverse City, April 24 and 25, 2024.

- **Education Updates**

- UPEMS this week in Marquette, in-person walk up registration is available.
- Pediatric behavioral health readiness at Treetops in Gaylord October 4, 2023.
- ATLS is going to be in Petoskey at NCMC Friday, January 4, 2024.

5. New Business

6. Additional Items from Attendees

- The Rural Subcommittee applications and CV/Resume are needed from everyone planning to remain on the committee. The plan is to vote for subcommittee appointments at EMSCC this November.
- Emily Bergquist advised the group the governor's office has scheduled a meeting to discuss bringing the EMS profession to the forefront.

7. Adjourn -the meeting ended at 3:46 p.m. No vote taken today.



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- 8. Next Meeting October 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

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