



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

**EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**06/20/2023**

**3:00 p.m.**

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

**Member Attendees:** Gary Wadaga, Andrea Abbas, Leslie Hall, Chuck Herbst, Ed Unger, Kevin Mohar, Dr. Edwards.

**Absent:** Pat Boberg, Jeff White, Bill Forbush, Nic Wilson, Curtis LeSage, Rick Dupon, Paul Peterson, Lance Corey, Dr. Bigsby, Bob Kirkley, Michael Holdeman

**Guests:** Melissa Chamberlain

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

1. **Call to Order** -The meeting was started at 3:03 p.m. There is not a quorum.
2. **Approve the Agenda** - no vote taken today.
3. **Old Business**
  - **Interfacility Transfers**
    - **Meeting April 24 update**  
Nicole Babb gave an update on the Patient Movement meeting held April 24, where they discussed definitions and problem solving. The next meeting will be in-person July 24, 2023.
  - **Workforce grant – E. Bergquist**
    - **EMSWD-2024 DEADLINE June 30 (this is a hard stop deadline)**
    - **EMSWS-2024 DEADLINE July 7 (this is a hard stop deadline)**
      - Emily discussed the application process for the grants. Questions may still go to the grant inbox ([MDHHS-EMS-Grants@Michigan.Gov](mailto:MDHHS-EMS-Grants@Michigan.Gov)), the FAQ and answers page on the website is updated regularly. June 23, 2023, at 5 pm profiles must be done. The last time you can ask for help from EGrAMS (log in, password issues) is noon on June 30, 2023 (it is recommended to call EGrAMS if you get locked out of your account for expedited assistance).
  - **Protocol Release – K. Kuhl**
    - **MCA and agency direction**  
Krisy gave an update on protocol release, round one is online, she is tracking changes and there is a tracked changes spreadsheet. Emily Bergquist advised there is a group of individuals who are working on

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the MIMEDIC release, they will be completed electronically 60 days after the final protocol release. Krisy advised round two are not up yet but will be up hopefully soon.

- **EMSC – Dr. S. Mishra**

- **Bay College Update**

The Bay College conference went very well, there were 3 pediatric components for readiness, recruiting champions, autism training and carter kits, more than 18 agencies in attendance.

- **Peds readiness at Treetop October 4, 2023**

Planning is underway, there will be a meeting to discuss the opportunities for education. Tom Frascone is also helping to put on behavioral health symposium this the fall. More information to come as it becomes available.

- **Wednesday Update**

- **Recruitment and Retention**

Emily Bergquist advised the next meeting scheduled for June 22 was cancelled due to recording the recruitment video that day, which is very exciting. The next meeting is August 24, 2023. Emily discussed the recruitment video distribution. The department will have video and print to share with capabilities for logo/branding change to cater to specific communities.

#### 4. Updates

- [Women in EMS](#) Update – A. Abbas

- The mentors have been selected and are on the website and social media, there is an impressive lineup of mentors to choose from. Mentee applications are still open. The American ambulance association conference is next week, June 26-28, 2023.

- [MCRH](#) Update – A. Abbas

- There will be a webinar July 26, 2023, with Leslie Hall and Angela Madden, about addressing rural issues. In September, there will be an in-person financial leadership course (SafeTech Solutions LLC). Registration is open to 35 people max. They are working on a 12-flex supplemental activity grant, internal projects, and looking at doing a summit (data), more information to follow as it becomes available. Congratulations to UP Health System School of EMT for their state and CoAEMSP approval, and their classes are underway. There is an Ambulance Deserts webinar June 26, 2023, more information and registration can be found [here](#).

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- [NMCRH](#) Update – E. Bur
    - no updates today
  - [MiREMS](#) – L. Hall
    - There will be a [Mental Wellness Conference](#) for First Responders August 24-25, 2023, at NMU, with another mental wellness conference in northern lower Michigan, tentatively in April 2024. Leslie discussed the draft paper on behavior health among rural responders that was received, and there has been a commission for a second paper to include treatment barriers. Recruitment & Retention has some courses that are ongoing for MFR, EMT and CE through a grant and there are still funds available for additional CE (contact Leslie for more information at [programs@miREMS.org](mailto:programs@miREMS.org)). The rural Recruitment & Retention toolkit has been updated and is available, one on one assistance is also available.
  - Education Updates
    - No update today
5. **New Business**
    - No new business
  6. **Additional Items from Attendees**
    - No additional items
  7. **Adjourn -the meeting ended at 3:41 p.m. No vote taken today.**
  8. **Next Meeting September 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. July and August are cancelled.**