

**Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS and Systems of Care****EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE****MINUTES****01/16/2024****3:00 p.m.**[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)**248-509-0316 Conf. ID: 347 253 351#**

Member Attendees: Gary Wadaga - Chair, Pat Boberg, Curtis LeSage, Chuck Herbst, Rick Dupon, Andrea Abbas, Ed Unger, Dr. Edwards, Nic Wilson, Dr. Bigsby, Leslie Hall, Rob Edmonds, Bryan Kukla

Absent: Paul Peterson, Kevin Mohar, Lance Corey, Dr. Brent, Katherine Young

Guests: Elise Bur

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

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from September 19, 2023** – Motion to approve the agenda (Abbas, Unger). Approved. Motion to approve the minutes (Unger, Bigsby). Approved.
3. **Old Business**
 - **MI Medic Update** – Emily Bergquist
 - They are at the printer and should be in soon.
 - **MCA Protocol update** – K. Kuhl
 - Tom Frascone updated the group that the [Moodle protocol training](#) modules are live with CE's available.
 - **Subcommittee Applications**
 - Roundtable for the new members of the existing members.
 - **I/C Course – Rep. Prestin Update**
 - Amanda Kinney advised the group that Gogebic CC is going to apply for an IC program with idea of starting a class before the fall of 2024. There will also be an NREMT webinar January 23, 2024; Registration information can be found here: [eLicensing portal](#) class 24-ICE-08580
4. **New Business**
 - **MDHHS/WMed Moodle Protocol Training is live** (link above).
 - **2024 [Rural EMS grants](#)** - due by March 20, 2024
 - **Expanded Peds survey** - Dr. Sam Mishra or Tom Frascone
 - Dr. Sam Mishra explained the EMSC survey launch from the national EMSC program. This survey is more expansive than the annual survey and will not be expected to be done every year. Dr. Sam will provide more information as it becomes available.

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- **NREMT Psychomotor Exams coming to a close-last month June 2024.**
 - July 1, 2024 starts new NREMT testing, and staff is working on adding more psychomotor testing for Paramedic students to help those who are able test before the end of June. Tom Frascione and Amanda Kinney explained the new testing model and evidence behind the decision.

5. Updates

- **Women in EMS Update – A. Abbas**
 - Women in EMS is developing strong, membership is open with discounts available. There is a regular [podcast available](#), and they will be at EMS expo. If you know of anyone interested in more information, contact [Andrea Abbas](#).
- **MCRH Update – A. Abbas**
 - [2024 education schedule](#):
 - ✓ Annual cert doc specialist course registration is open.
 - ✓ Leadership Academy July 9-13 in the UP at NMU.
 - ✓ AI tool for recruitment and retention later this year, registration opens in May 2024.
 - Grant updates:
 - ✓ Working with UP health system CIP launch in the UP, [registration](#) is open to all licensed levels, deadline to apply is January 30, 2024.
 - ✓ Flex grant supplemental update - 10 EMS agencies enrolled with vast improvement
 - ✓ Data QI Summit in August discussing their work along with speakers Awarded grant funds through MI Endowment - developing information on health professional shortage areas, these endowments can be used for shortages.
 - ✓ EMS workforce scholarships open in May 2024 for EMT and paramedic.
- **NMCRH Update – E. Bur**
 - Working on educating the public on [Media Meet](#): and introduction to community paramedicine.
- **MiREMS – L. Hall**
 - Opportunities:
 - ✓ Mental Wellness Conference April 16 and 17, 2024, in Traverse City - mental wellness sponsors welcome, if interested, contact [Leslie Hall](#)
 - ✓ Rural EMS grant is open, they have enough to do one more EMT class right now, with funds available for CE days including a mental health component, for more information, contact [Jeanette Dorh](#).

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- ✓ Mental Health Awareness training funds partnered with To the Rescue, SFA classes in person and train the trainer SFA, online mental wellness program options as well.
- ✓ MHEF grant period starts February 1, 2024, for agency assessments.

- **Education Updates**

- Bay College Conference – May 2024
 - ✓ Dr Bigsby needs state office to be able to attend, the only date they have available is the same day as EMSCC in May. Dr Edwards says we can discuss moving EMSCC to Escanaba in May at the January EMSCC meeting.

6. **Additional Items from Attendees**

- EMSCC is this Friday, January 19, 2024
- MAAS teaching session this Thursday, January 18, 2024; recruit more people from the UP to become MAAS members.

7. **Adjourn. Motion to adjourn the meeting (Unger, Andrea). Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.**

8. **Next Meeting – February 20, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**