

Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS and Systems of Care

EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES

03/19/2024

3:00 p.m.

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**Member Attendees:** Gary Wadaga - Chair, Curtis LeSage, Chuck Herbst, Andrea Abbas, Dr. Bigsby, Paul Peterson, Kevin Mohar, Lance Corey

**Absent:** Bryan Kukla, Rick Dupon, Pat Boberg, Ed Unger, Dr. Edwards, Nic Wilson, Leslie Hall, Rob Edmonds, Dr. Brent, Katherine Young

**Guests:** Michael Yanz, Robert Kirkley

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

1. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. There is not a quorum today.
2. Approval of Agenda and minutes from January 16, 2024.
3. Old Business
  - **MI Medic Update – Emily Bergquist**
    - The printed versions of MI Medic cards should be complete the first week in April, there was an error on page 27 that has been fixed. Once they are in our office, we will reach out for distribution arrangements.
  - **MCA Protocol update – K. Kuhl**
    - MCA trainings in the [UP in April](#) and will be back up there in the fall. Once fall dates are finalized, they will be announced.
  - **I/C Course -Gogebic in the Fall**
    - Met with advisory council and working on timing with Bob Kirkley.
4. New Business
  - **2024 Rural EMS Mental Health grants - due by March 20, 2024**
    - Reminder that this is due tomorrow!
  - **NREMT ALS Cognitive Exam update-A. Kinney or T. Frascone**
    - Amanda Kinney shared the NREMT update on their [website under NEWS](#) There is information there, as well as scenario/testing demonstrations.
  - **2050 EMS Education Agenda comments-March 31, 2024**

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- Reminder to [put your comments in](#) as this is ending March 31, 2024.
- **Post March EMSCC discussion**
  - MCA looking at medical director requirements and making sure to take rural into consideration; when this comes around it will probably involve an administrative rules process.
  - Grant preproposal opens April 1, 2024, conference/webinar for instructions and a Q & A is April 8 at 11 a.m.
  - Emily Bergquist shared the [data slides](#) from EMSCC regarding licensee numbers, Emily will also get more recent agency numbers.
- **EMSCC at Bay Conference in May**
  - EMSCC will be in Escanaba May 17, 2024.
- **Discussion: Ontonagon Closing**
  - Aspirus is closing April 19, 2024, MCAs are working together to help with this, more information will be provided as it becomes available.

**5. Updates**

- **Women in EMS Update – A. Abbas**
  - [Women in EMS Podcast](#), they continue with networking events, they will be at EMS Expo this year hosting a meeting session.
- **MCRH Update – A. Abbas**
  - Flex QI data grant: 10 agencies enrolled, wrapping up that project, lots of improvements made.
  - [QI data summit](#) in Boyne Mountain August 21 and 22, 2024
  - Community Paramedic course can accept more students
  - More scholarships opening in May for paramedic and EMT
  - April 9 [CADS course](#)
  - Launching more QI for 2024 and financial sustainability
  - [Leadership academy](#) in the up at northern in July
- **NMCRH Update – E. Bur**
- **MiREMS – L. Hall**
- **Education Updates**
  - Bay College Conference – May 2024
  - [Mental Health Summit](#)-Traverse City April 16 17
  - UPEMS-dates set yet? October 2024, more information will be provided as it becomes available.

**6. Additional Items from Attendees**

**7. Adjourn**

**8. Next Meeting – ~~April 16, 2024, canx~~ May 21, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**