

**Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS and Systems of Care****EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE****MINUTES****03/19/2024****3:00 p.m.**[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)**248-509-0316 Conf. ID: 347 253 351#**

Member Attendees: Gary Wadaga - Chair, Curtis LeSage, Chuck Herbst, Dr. Bigsby, Paul Peterson, Rick Dupon, Rob Edmonds, Katherine Young

Absent: Andrea Abbas, Kevin Mohar, Lance Corey, Bryan Kukla, Pat Boberg, Ed Unger, Dr. Edwards, Nic Wilson, Leslie Hall, Dr. Brent

Guests: Matt Lacrosse, Angela Madden, Michael Yanz

BETP Staff: Frascone, Piette, Kerr, Wagner, Bergquist, Flory, Kuhl Rob, Mishra

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 March 19, 2024.**
3. **Old Business**
 - **State Update – Emily Bergquist**
 - Reminder: project director apps for workforce grants are due in two days
 - MIMEDICs are in and all regions have them with plans in place (RHCA and MCA)
 - Peditapes have been ordered, if they did not get them with the cards, they will get them once they arrive hopefully by August 1, 2024.
 - Gary spoke about MIOSHA and what was discussed at EMSCC with Ambulance Operations and Legislative Subcommittees.
 - The agency assessment will be relatively simple and fast to get a broad idea of information they are looking for.
 - **MCA Protocol update – K. Kuhl**
 - No update today
 - **I/C Course – Reminder-Fall**
 - This fall, the course is on the back burner; but Alyson is trying to put something together with LCC.

4. New Business

- **EMSCC Meeting-**
 - The group discussed post Bay College meeting.
- **Department of Corrections contracts for EMS service**
 - The group discussed issues with payment on the Michigan Department of Corrections contract. Agencies and hospitals are unsure how they are going to get paid for accounts receivable under Wellpath, whose contract is now over. Vital Core is the new DOC vendor, and their payment for service is lower than that of Wellpath. Angela discussed reaching out to the director of the department of corrections and she and her team are working on this. Please keep Angela updated on the status of this, Emily mentioned this to Jean as well, and the department will continue to raise the issue up. Gary suggests to continuously contact them and reach out to local legislators for assistance.
- **NREMT ALS Cognitive Exam update-A. Kinney or T. Frascone**
 - This is the last month of NREMT exams, there are a couple extra added in Grand Rapids.
- **EMS Education Program Annual Reports-A. Kinney**
 - Annual reports are due July 31, 2024, Rob advised they are working on webinars.
- **Pediatric Survey-Dr. Mishra**
 - Peds Ready Assessment for EMS Agencies and Fire Departments
www.EMSPedsReady.org
1 assessment per each 911 responding EMS Agency
Can come back to complete later by using same computer, same browser (cookies enabled) FAQs
<https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/prehospital-pediatric-readiness/fag/> Support? May PECC office hours with [Dr. Sam](#), or email for assistance
- **UP Health CIP class**
 - 8 students are about ready to start clinical rotations working with CRH

5. Updates

- **Women in EMS Update - A. Abbas**
- **MCRH Update**
 - Emily is not sure if they have hired someone yet, Rick knows they have interviewed a few people.
- **NMCRH Update – E. Bur**
- **MiREMS – L. Hall**
- **Education Updates**
- **UPEMS**
 - No date yet, Alyson is working on it, they are having difficulties finding a

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venue.

6. **Additional Items from Attendees**

- The group discussed attendance being low at the Bay College conference.
- Dr. Bigsby is having issues agencies with difficulty staffing and aging of equipment and ordered a policy for how to proceed, does anyone have a protocol or policy about reporting out of service (not 24/7), looking for guidance and mutual aid agency is their full-time agency, and the volunteer agencies don't know if they are responding. If anyone comes up with any ideas, please contact Dr. Bigsby. *This topic will be added to the next agenda under old business.* Derek advised to also make sure they are communicating with the department, MCA, and dispatch that there is an issue and the group discussed MFR numbers declining.
- Lyn Nelson advised the group about the "[Until Help Arrives](#)" course.

7. **Adjourn**

8. **Next Meeting – ~~June 18, 2024, 3:00 p.m.~~ All summer meetings will be cancelled, and we will resume meetings in September 2024.**