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EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES

03/18/2025

3:00 p.m.

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Member Attendees: Gary Wadaga, Curtis LeSage, Rick Dupon, Patrick Fox, Ed Unger, Paul Peterson, Kevin Mohar, Matt DeBrosse, Dr. Edwards, Nic Wilson, Rob Edmonds, Leslie Hall, Bryan Kukla, Katherine Young

Absent: Dr. Bigsby, Dr. Brent, Pat Boberg, Chuck Herbst

Guests: Nicole Rowe

BETP Staff: Frascone, Piette, Bergquist, Kuhl, Rudzki, Kerr, Kinney

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda and minutes from Sept 17, 2024. Motion to approve the agenda (Hall, LaSage). Approved. Motion to approve the minutes (Dupon, Unger). Approved.
3. Old Business
 - **State Update – Emily Bergquist**
 - Emily shared the data gathered of licensees. The proportion of ICs is concerning. Emily advised ICs are a concern all over Michigan, not just rural. Leslie Hall suggested scholarships and education in person (preferred above online). Emily can provide the data that was presented. The group discussed issues with working and being an IC and IC wages not being sufficient on its own. Bay College IC Class has 19 students. The group discussed possible solutions such as lowering the three-year field experience requirement, marketing towards people wanting to retire from the road, regionalization for grants, and to think about other incentives for future discussion. The group would like to keep this on agenda.
 - **Awareness-New CE Guidelines - EMSCC this Friday**
 - Emily shared and discussed what will be presented at EMSCC this week.
 - **Wellpath Update**
 - Delayed in action due to other legislation, MAAS says now is the time to get legislation in, there was testifying last week. [\\$6 million owed to agencies around Michigan.](#)

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4. New Business

- **Licensing data - Emily Bergquist**
 - Presented during the State Update above.
- **[UP EMS](#) - Sept 11-13-Tom Frascone**
 - At the Northern Center, taking class teaching proposals until March 30, 2025.
- **Region 8 Pt. Movement - Dr. Bigsby/Tom F**
 - They held their first meeting today and discussed the state problems list for what was applicable for Region 8. Next meeting will be April 15, 2025, at 1 p.m.

5. Updates

- **[Women in EMS Update](#) – Emily Bergquist**
 - They are actively looking for participants, all are welcome to join. They are also looking for pictures of women in EMS. Reach out to [Emily](#) if you have pictures or would like more information.
- **MCRH Update-Patrick Fox**
 - Working on the EMSRR Grant and finalizing education opportunities. Traveling to work on recruitment and retention efforts, paramedic scholarships should open soon. There are [monthly education opportunities](#).
- **NMCRH Update-E. Bur**
 - No updates today.
- **[MiREMS](#) – L. Hall**
 - [Mental Wellness for First Responders Conference](#), April 23-24, 2025, in Traverse City.
 - [Career survival training](#) April 17, 2025.
 - Peer support education March 27, 2025.
 - [MiREMS Needs assessment survey](#)
 - [Mobile Training Units information](#)
- **EMSC Update – Dr. Sam**
 - Pediatric Readiness Conference - March 12
 - hit up to 400 attendees
 - EMS CEs are still being processed and rosters verified, please allow us several more days for this, MANY attendees to verify
 - compiling resources to be emailed and posted to the website
 - cleaning recordings to be posted to the website.
- **Education Updates**
 - [EMS Expo](#) - May 8-10 Mackinac Island
 - No Bay Conference this year

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6. Additional Items from Attendees

- State grant funding: expires September 30, 2026, Emily explained the remainder of the state grant funding.
- EMS Education Recruiter information: [Heather - EMS Foundation](#)

7. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn the meeting (LaSage, Kukla). Approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

8. Next Meeting – ~~April 15, 2025, 3:00 p.m. cancelled~~ Next meeting: May 20, 2025.

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