

**PREHOSPITAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

08 May 2014

 1000 hours

 EHSF Conference Room

**Attendance**

**Present:** Bryan Smith Chair

Doug Bitner Franklin County EMS Council

Ralph Backenstoes Lebanon County EMS Council

Shannon Fouts York County EMS Council

Suzette Kreider Northwest EMS

Christopher Yohn Lower Allen Township EMS

Barbara Parks Ephrata Hospital ALS

Robert Patterson Lancaster EMS Association

 Nathan Harig Cumberland Goodwill EMS

 Dennis Shelly Wellspan Hospital

 David Hayes East Pennsboro

 Mark Moure SVEMS

 Steve Mrozowski Lawn Fire Company EMS

 Tim Moench A Vital Response

 Christopher Yohn Lower Allen Twp

 Tabitha Burkholder Ephrata Hospital ALS

 Ryan Elborne

**Staff:** Ernest S. Powell Director of System Operations

 Megan A. Hollinger Project Manager

 Celia M. Fraticelli System Coordinator

 Michael J. Guerra Resource Coordinator

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Smith called the Prehospital Operations Committee meeting to order at 1002 hours.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Workgroup Reports**

*Recruitment and Retention*

Mr. Backenstoes reported EMS Week activities are moving forward. Mr. Backenstoes confirmed EMS Week will be May 18-24 2014.

Electronic PCRs – Regional Evaluation Update

Ms. Hollinger indicated the committee received 4 RFP’s and they are being reviewed at this time.

Annual Advance Level Provider Competencies

A draft for the Annual Advance Level Provider Competencies was distributed and members were asked to review and comment. Mr. Powell asks that a few areas be clarified. The workgroup confirmed the document was a work in progress.

Community Health Care

Ms. Hollinger presented a review of the Community Paramedicine Summit that was held on May 1 at the Clarion Hotel. She advised that the power point presentations shown will be disseminated to the committee members. Ms. Hollinger also stated that a Legislature breakfast is being planned for the fall along with other short period summits to get the information out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

AA-EMR Applications

Mr. Powell advised that these applications will be processed and mailed by EMS week. We are currently waiting on BEMS approval for a letter that will be included in their registration packet.

EMSVO

Mr. Powell reviewed the current application and stated that it needs to include a driver’s license and a copy of original EVO certificate (approved by the Bureau). Once the applications are completed they can be sent as a batch to EHSF and providers will receive the EMSVO status printed on their card for their next registration period.

VFIS has partnered with the Bureau and there will be approximately 15 programs that can be used for continuing education requirements.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Commendation Program

There was a discussion about the need to revisit the current Commendation Program documents. At this time the EHSF Commendation Program mirrors the other Regional Councils in content. Mr. Smith asked that the current EMS Council President’s meet to discuss the current document and make recommended changes to the content. Ms. Fouts stated that she would take the request to the next President’s meeting.

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Fluid Shortage

There is a national fluid shortage and in a decision at the last MAC meeting it is stated that ambulances now have to carry 1 Isotonic fluid from the current approved fluid list.

New Council President

Mr. Smith stated his intentions to step down as the Pre-Hospital Operations Chair after many years of service. He asked if anyone was interested in becoming the new Chair and requested that they contact him directly.

*2014/2015 Meeting Schedule*

The following dates were agreed upon for the 2014/2015 meeting dates:

* September 11 2014
* November 13 2014
* January 8 2015
* March 12 2015
* May 14 2015

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 1107 hours.

The next Prehospital Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 11 September 2014 at 1000 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia M. Fraticelli

System Coordinator