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GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 31, 2012 MINUTES

Location: Memorial Medical Center of East Texas – Lufkin
Time: 5:00PM
Presiding: Scott Christopher, DETRAC Chair

1. Call to Order

Mr. Christopher called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Attendance/ Collection of Proxies

Karrie Stanaland attending as MMCET Lufkin alternate for Connie Russell,
Bryan Loudenslager (Melrose VFD) to Scott Christopher,
Ricky Jones (Woden VFD) to Scott Christopher,
Forrest King (NCEMS) to Scott Christopher
Bonnie Harper (Ora VFD) to Scott Christopher
Chuck French (Angelina College) to Michael Self

3. Introduction of Guests

Mr. Joey Ancelet with the Department of State Health Services was recognized as being in attendance.

4. Review of the minutes from April 11, 2012.

Mr. Christopher provided the attendees time to review the minutes included in the handout packet. Sondra Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Paulette Wood, with no opposition. A copy of the minutes will be forwarded to the Department of State Health Services.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Stowe was unable to attend today's meeting due to job commitments/needs.

A Quick Books report summarizing revenue and expense activities from each of the revenue funding sources was circulated among the committee members. Ms. Anderson provided a verbal summary of this report. EMS County funds have been partially distributed to Lufkin F.D. and Dogwood EMS. Invoices from Nacogdoches Co. EMS and Lonestar EMS are pending. The new year County EMS funding contract has just recently been mailed to DSHS. EMS RAC funding has been completely accounted for. The new year contract has also recently been mailed to DSHS. Local Projects spending for FY11/12 has been spent and reported to DSHS. The RAC did not submit a LPG application for FY12/13. OASPR funding has approximately \$64,000 remaining to be accounted for. The OASPR budget for this next fiscal year is \$316,217. Three of the four installments for the Tobacco funding have been received. Currently there is approximately \$33,000 in this funding stream for 'grants'.

6. Local Projects Grant Update

South Polk County VFD and Nacogdoches Co. EMS reported that their agencies submitted a LPG application. Also, reviewed was the Local Projects Grant update on the RAC Incident Response Trailers that have been created. The amount of the grant was approximately \$15,000.00, which was for the purchase of supplies to stock trailer. 2nd trailer supplies purchased with OASPR YR10 funds. One trailer will be housed in Nacogdoches and the other in Livingston at this time. A prime mover truck has been identified for one trailer through Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital/EMS. Some upgrades & maintenance will be addressed to prepare this vehicle for road readiness. The committee reviewed suggested logo and insignia for the trailers via an overhead presentation.

7. Grant Review Committee Update

Mr. Christopher reviewed the recommendation of the Grant Review Committee. The handout was in the packet. There were several items that still needed further documentation & will be moved to the second pass. There was no opposition from the membership on the committee's recommendations. The committee will meet again in July to review request of 2nd disbursements. Also under grants there are some educational opportunities. Mr. Christopher encouraged Grants request. He said please send bids with quotes.

8. Standing Report on General Assembly Member Attendance

A handout was provided to the attendees detailing the attendance for the members this past year. Representatives were asked to review the information for being correct.

9. Committee Activities

- a. Pre-Hospital Committee: Chris Collier was unable to attend.
- b. Hospital Acute Care: Jackie Laired was unable to attend since she was at a STEMI Conference.
- c. Emergency Preparedness was discussed by Brenda Anderson. She went over the Disaster Drill that was recently held in Beaumont (Operation Road Show). There were more than 200 attendees. Also, reviewed was the Everbridge notifications. Tyler Co. Hospital had an RN Strike Team up date. Also, Mr. Christopher wanted to commend Sondra Wilson and her staff on a very well thought out disaster drill in the exercise of deploying an RN strike Team. It was encouraged that the RN Strike Team needs to be nurses from all facets of the hospital and their care areas. We will need many different types of nursing in order to be well rounded.
- d. Physician's Advisory/QI - Dr. Kerry Evans-The group has not met yet.
- e. Educational/Injury Prevention: -Candace Nerren provided this report in Tammy Hanson's absence
There were several resource offerings coming up announced.
 - Diabetes Resource Group, July 13-14
 - Pedi Symposium / Recognizing Child Abuse in Houston June 13-17.
 - EKG course in Nacogdoches July 12-13, 2012.
 - Injury and Violence Conference June 20-22, 2012.
 - Stoke Symposium in Lubbock on October.
 - Texas EMS Conference in Austin November 11-14, 2012Ms. Nerren also gave a warning that we need to be careful of Sonic Generic U/S transmission gel as they have found that this is carrying Pseudomonas.

10. Executive Committee Report

Mr. Christopher provided a summary of the Executive Committee meeting activities. The group reviewed and discussed the drill which was in Beaumont/Operation Road Trip. Received a report from Ms. Anderson that TSA H has been recognized for the Regional Oxygen Transfill Station, and she is reviewing state contracts for input to the Response Section at DSHS. Agreed that Karrie Stanaland will be new representative to take Connie Russell's place for Memorial Health System of East Texas Lufkin hospital. The representative for San Jacinto County remains unfilled. The DETRAC Chairman reviewed some expenditure for local grants/projects. \$15,105.63 Supplies for the trailer Reimbursement pending. The committee discussed naming the response trailers as EMTF assets or maintaining locally. The commit chose to initially not offer up the trailer to the EMTF project.

11. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update (TETAF).

- a. Latest update is April 30, 2012. A copy was in the packets and Mr. Christopher went over many areas.
 - i. Recommendation to decrease RAC subscription fees for 2012 by 40 percent. Of note that we were paying \$3000.00 and now it is down to \$1800.00. Dr. Dan Culica, PhD, M.D. TETAF Grant Writer was able to search out grant opportunities.
 - ii. Injury and Violence Prevention Conference scheduled June 20-22, 2012 in Austin.
 - iii. TETAF recommended the development of a geriatric system of excellence addressing health care provider education and training.
 - iv. Development, expansion, data collection and data analysis of Child Fatality Review Teams.
 - v. Webinars through DSHS June 5 and 7 @ <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/injury/>

12. GETAC Meeting Notes

The notes taken by Mr. Christopher were included in the meeting packets and were noted to be on pages 11-19. Mr. Joey Ancelet briefly discussed the drug shortage issue and options other agencies were utilizing to address the shortfalls (see minutes below). Expired drugs will be dealt with by DSHS on a case-by-case basis. A position paper will be forthcoming addressing hospitals sharing patient data with EMS providers. Members were instructed that they must sign up for the State List Serve and upgrade with DSHS. The website to sign up: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/default.shtm>. Select the button on the top right corner that reads: Sign up for e-mail updates. Mr. Christopher encouraged the membership to contact him if they have any questions regarding the notes.

13. Trauma Center Designation Update

There were no announcements.

14. Stroke Center Designation Update

There were no announcements.

15. Chest Pain Center Updates

Mr. Christopher announced that this will be a new standing agenda item. Nacogdoches Memorial and Woodland Heights were noted to be currently designated.

16. Stories for Texas EMS Newsletter

The membership was encouraged the assembly to submit new stories to Kelly.Harrell@dshs.state.tx.us.

17. Other Announcements

- a. For Regional EMS Providers: The Methodist Hospital's Emergency Department entrance will undergo a major renovation project to better meet the needs of the public beginning on May 8th thru August 3, 2012. A map was enclosed in the packet as well as phone number and e-mail address.
- b. Richard Brunk for Care Plus Ambulance services stated that their company now has Care Plus Air Ambulance. It is a King Air Ambulance located in Jasper. Not to replace the helicopter, but, less than a 1/3 of cost to fly by helicopter. It will service Sabine, Angelina, Shelby, Nacogdoches, San Augustine & Jasper counties. They have a Paramedic and they feel it will be a great asset. Mr. Christopher asked if the hospitals will be billed for patients unfunded or failing to pay. Mr. Brunk stated the hospitals will not be billed.
- c. The drug shortages have caused a great deal of concern. If an EMS truck has expired drugs, they need to make sure that they have documentation from their Medical Director that states he has oversight of the medications. The State level appreciates the fact that we do not have control over these shortages. However, they do want to make sure that we have written documentation stating that their Medical Director has oversight of all expired medication.
- d. Several items (EMS Magazine, WebEOC disks) were made available to the membership.

18. Next Meeting

Scheduled for July 11, 2012. We all need to be thinking about the New RAC Chair.

19. Adourn

A motion was made by Forrest King to adjourn the meeting followed by a second, from Sondra Wilson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes recorded by B. Hall