

**Southeast Regional EMS Committee
Friday, December 10, 2021
WebEx**

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order (Dr. Joh Russell)

The meeting was called to order on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 10:03 a.m. by Dr. John Russell. The meeting was held by WebEx due to the current pandemic.

Introductions (Dr. John Russell)

April Ostendorf-Morris, Dustin Koerber, Shawn Morris, Jay Porter, Jenni France, Debbie Leoni, Dr. Jeffery Umfleet, Nathan Wolk, Larry Chasteen, Dr. John Russell, Lori Beck, Nick Salzman, Mirela Milijkovic, Mary Green-Brown, Lori Merritt, Amanda Clark, Lori Beck, Cheryl Joy, Ken Dicus, Stacy Hickey, Kendal Shrum, Brandon Graham, Check Ogan

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from Sept 10, 2021 were reviewed. Motion to approve, Dustin Koerber second the motion and the group approved as written.

Old Business

- Discussion of need to move forward with hand-off process. Anticipating legislation in 2022Q1. Need to convene group to move this forward. Contact Dr. Russell if interested in assisting with this document. Mary Green-Brown and Larry Chasteen had indicated interest. This is for an ambulance transfer to an LTC, SNF or hospital. Dr. Umfleet confirmed the importance of moving this forward.
- Committee replacements
 - Dr. John Russell reviewed membership list as stated at the state level. Currently, the following are listed: Chuck Ogan, Nathan Wolk, John Russell, April Morris, Larry Chasteen, Kendall Shrum, Jeff Umfleet.
 - We can have up to 15 on the board. Nathan noted that Debbie Leoni had inadvertently been removed when he took her place as chair. Recommendation from the group that Leoni, Jay Porter, Shawn Morris, Mary Green-Brown, Ken Dicus and Jenni France be added to the committee. Larry and Dr. Russell will move forward with the appropriate recommendation letters. Each candidate should forward a brief resume to Dr. Russell.

Legislative Updates (Jason White)

- The vaccine mandate is still pending, although all mandates are suspended at this time.
- Discussion about health department actions in response to Attorney General letter than non-elected officials may not place mandates for health concerns. This could have far-reaching consequences.
- The .005 to .01 sales tax es expected to be filed.
- The TCD statute is expected to be submitted via the MHA once again.
- The Medicare reimbursement factor of 5.1% is anticipated. The sequestration cuts, which would have been 6%, have been suspended for at least a year.

- TCD legislation – There is a lot of energy around this initiative. It should go back before the legislature. Debbie and April are members of the committee if you need additional information.

STARS Update (Nick Salzman)

Presented the STARS report (see attachment). For more information on STARS contact Nick at nicholas.salzman@ssmhealth.com. Currently have 65 kids in SE Missouri. STARS is encouraging all areas to convert their records from paper format to the electronic format.

STARS is tracing power-dependent STARS patients and creating a report so that agencies can be checked on during power outages.

They are in process of grant development for future funding.

Medical Director Update (Dr. Jeffrey Umfleet)

- Dr. Braithwaite will serve until Dec 31, 2021. The state medical directors are accepting applications to serve in her place.
- The passing of Ivan LeGrand, known to many in the SEMO service area, was acknowledge, with recognition of his selfless service in the region.
- EMTA process development: need to define education standard; consideration of a bridge.

Educational Opportunities

- No new events mentioned.

Open Agenda

2022 meetings will be hybrid and held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Jay Porter will arrange the WebEx meeting.

2022 meeting schedule:

February 10: SE Hospital
April 14; @North Scott joint with South Scott
June 9: Cape Fire
Sept 8: Perry County
December 8: St Francis

Next Meeting

February 10, 2022, Southeast Hospital

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on December 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Debbie Leoni