

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE

February 13, 2025

Call TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order on Thursday February 13, 2025, at 10:00 by Dr. John Russell. The meeting was held at South Scott County Ambulance District.

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

In Person: Dr. John Russell, Patrick Garrison, David Ochs, Lori Merritt, Jason Merritt, Bobby Wallace, Ken Dicus, and Larry Chasteen.

Via phone: Miranda Chambers, Dr. Chad Armstrong, Chuck Kasting, Shawn Morris, Mary Green-Brown, Dr. Charles Crecelius, Jason White, Lindsay Reynolds, Bob Patterson, Ann Kirsch, Nick Salzman, Jenni France, Gwen Seyer, Marissa Collins, Terry Westrich, Ron Kiplinger, Demarcus Nash, Josh Dugal, Tyler Juden, Craig Faith, and Mirela Mijikovic.

GUEST PRESENT:

-None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion to approve the minutes by Ken Dicus. Seconded by Larry Chasteen.

OLD BUSINESS:

- At this time, there is no update on the new members that have been submitted. We are waiting for them to be approved by the director.
- SE Behavioral – They have added a few changes to the protocols, but they are now ready to move forward with direct admits as outlined in protocols. Each individual agency will have to have their medical director to sign and approve the protocol before using it. The main request is that the crew on scene call for approval of direct admit before leaving the scene of the call.
- Trauma gel – Dr. John has reached out to Boundtree regarding this product, and they stated they can have a representative attend a meeting to provide a demo on the product if we are interested. At this time, it is not believed to be entirely necessary in our area, but we could do a trial of the product to see if it's something worth using due to the price of the product.
- There is currently a national push to start having ambulances carry blood products for use. The issue with this is making sure to rotate the blood products so that there is no waste. Another concern is the cost and finding a partnership for blood.

MUTUAL AID

- No events in our area that required mutual aid.
- The coordinators are focused on planning for the FICA tournament that will possibly need several STRIKE teams.
- Pulsara is also being heavily focused on regarding mutual aid events due to its interacting with ImageTrend and EOS.

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR

- No new updates.

STARS

- We currently have 102 active STARS patients in the SE area. We have had three calls to date. They are now working on a newsletter to send out. Three of our patients have advanced directives. We cannot honor any advanced directives in IL.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

- Senate Bill 7 – This is the Ambulance Service support act and the good Samaritan. This looks like it will move on to the House.
- The Wayfair bill is back.
- There is a proposal to increase the line of duty death benefit.
- A new bill has been proposed to change the way you become a member of SAC.
- MIH bill has been reintroduced and seems favorable.
- The bill regarding annual CPR for high schoolers has also been reintroduced.
- EMS Peer review bill has been reintroduced.
- Human Trafficking CEU requirement has also been reintroduced.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We are the only region that is taking huge steps regarding mental health. There is a meeting next week for the state reimbursement for mental health claims to increase.
- Dr. Crecelius provided a presentation on TPOPP. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Larry Chasteen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

April 10th at 10:00 am hosted by Saint Francis Medical Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Miranda Chambers