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SOUTHWEST REGION EMS COMMITTEE
Freeman Health System
1102 W. 32nd Street
Joplin, MO

January 17, 2025
1200

Members Present

Bob Patterson
Susan Crum
Mark Alexander
Dr. Tom Lewis
David Hoover
John Archer

Guests

Mike Ross
Kelley King
DJ Satterfield
Kyle Jackson
Michelle Wolfe
Elizabeth Wright
Daniel Marshall
Annette Keller
Dr. Jake Spain
Sarah Bolton
Lindsay Turner

Chris Mattes
Tammie Caves
Jason Smith
Dr. Jeremy Sturgell
Skip Harper
Jeff Prosser
Rick Lawler
Amanda Shierock
Sarah Woolford
Dennis Martin
Tina Johnson

The TCD Workgroup met prior to the regular meeting, from 11:00-12:00.

Education Presentation:

An educational presentation entitled “TPOPP and New EMS Regulations” was presented by Dr. Chuck Crecelius, Jason White, and John Carney. TPOPP forms were provided at the meeting. Bob will send out the accompanying PowerPoint and copies of the forms. Thank you to Freeman West for providing the room and lunch.

Regular Meeting Agenda:

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

Bob Patterson, Chair, called the regular meeting to order at 1300. Welcome was made; no new introductions.

Establish Quorum/Review Agenda

A quorum was present. Agenda sent out prior to the meeting; no additions noted.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 20, 2024 meeting was sent out via email prior to the meeting. No additions or changes noted. Motion to approve by David Hoover; second by John Archer. None opposed.

Old Business:

- A. Appointed Committee Nominations – per Bob, still working on filling gaps. Any recommendations, please send to Bob.

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- B. PULSARA updates – Angie Cunningham, PULSARA rep, was present at the meeting and gave a report. Mercy Springfield has now gone live. They are using for internal TCD notifications; working really well. Other Mercy facilities looking at coming online. Meeting with Joplin providers (Mercy) this afternoon. Freeman indicated they haven't really discussed it. The state has approved some funding and is contracting with an entity.

Mark Alexander noted there is ability to integrate with local fire departments. Upcoming meeting with Springfield Fire.

CMH, Bolivar (EMS) goes live next week (1/22/25).

Bureau of EMS updates:

No one from the Bureau was on the call. Sarah Wilson is the new Director of the Department of Health (previously Legislative lead with MHA). She is known to be an ally of EMS and is known within the industry. Paula Nicholson is retiring.

SAC Updates – Mark Alexander

SAC meets 1/28/25. Per Mark, still trying to get open positions filled for SAC. Running a bill to have DHSS fill the nominations, vs. the Governor. Dr. Josh Stilley was appointed as the Chair of SAC but put on hold until after the new Governor comes online.

- A. TCD Update and reports from Subcommittees – Committee met today; not a lot covered. Discussion on Health Data Exchange.
- B. Legislative Update – Mark Alexander reported on the following:
- Number of bills from last year did not pass, when the Senators left and went home early. All of these will be re-filed.
 - Mark discussed several of these proposed bills, their sponsors, and their content – i.e Wayfair bill, tax bills, LODD, Firefighter Bill of Rights, TCD legislation, Crisis Standard of Care, etc.
 - Continue to work on revising the EMS regs
- C. Air Subcommittee Update – report by Chris Mattes
- Last met in November; not much going on
- D. EMSC Update – no one on the call from EMSC.

Southwest HealthCare Coalition Update – Dennis Martin

- Medical response surge exercise scheduled for 3/5/25
- Registration open for Healthcare Coalition conference at Lake of the Ozarks, 3/19-3/21/25
- Supply chain integrity program coming to a close. Remaining \$26,000 to buy respiratory PPE. Deadline to submit documentation is fast approaching.
- Skip from the west district is retiring as the chair of the committee but will remain active.
- Would like to see greater participation by EMS in coalition activities.

EMS Mutual Aid Coordinator Update – Bob Patterson

- Planning has begun for the 2026 World Cup coming to KC. Event lasts a span of 3 weeks. Will be a heavy lift for EMS and Fire to support this event. Southwest Missouri will probably provide strike teams.
- Inauguration in Jeff City this week; had a couple of strike teams there.

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- Couple more EMS funerals recently.

SEMA Updates – no report

Medical Director Updates – Dr. Lewis reporting

- The MU Data project is ongoing
- Continue to encourage EMS to use eye protection and masking. Dr. Lewis sees this as occasionally lacking.

Other Business:

- A. Missouri's new funding opportunity for treatment and transport of behavioral health patients by EMS – UPDATE – Angie Meyer:
 - Angie not available. Process of building agreements with EMS providers to be able to receive reimbursement for behavioral transports.
 - Mark mentioned this provides a base rate of \$1,000-1,200, but not a lot of participation in southwest Missouri.

Announcements:

- A. Regional construction projects – none reported
- B. Regional Education offerings
 - a. Guardians of the Heart at Downstream Casino - 2/18-2/20/25. This is the 10-year anniversary of this conference. Registration is \$25.00. Agenda not finalized as of yet; fire and law enforcement represented more than in the past.
 - b. Cox Air Care Annual EMS Conference – 3/26/25
 - c. Tucker Redfern Pediatric Conference – 3/28/25
 - d. Dr. Tom Steele Emergency Care Symposium – 4/25/25
 - e. Mercy Joplin Trauma Conference – 5/2/25
- C. SW Regional EMS TCD Conference updates - Annette Keller congratulated on another successful regional EMS TCD conference. Great venue/comfortable – might look at again for this year. Annette indicated they could use some more diversity on the planning committee. Will plan to have the 2025 conference at the November regional EMS meeting.
- D. **Congratulations to David Hoover who celebrated 50 years in EMS, on 1/1/25!!**

Next meeting will be March 21, 2025, at Cox South.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 13:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN