

Monroe Livingston Regional EMS Meeting
September 17, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Call to order – Mark Tornstrom

- Thank you for your patience in quick change of venue
- Several providers and associates in our region have passed away in the last few weeks
 - Ron Tears – paramedic in the Southern Tier, worked at RMMS
 - Keith Schwab – long term member of the Chili FD
 - Alina Voroychik – nurse manager at RGH, instrumental to a lot and a good friend to many
 - Sean McCullough – reason for the venue change; funeral services are this evening
 - Moment to reflect and acknowledge the contributions that these people made to us – Moment of silence
- Please remember to speak clearly & let us know who you are so we can get good transcriptions/minutes
- Motion to approve July minutes- moved. Second. All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Passed.
- Advertising – Council voted about a year ago re: charging a nominal fee for postings for training classes that would produce income and/or job opening postings, announcements etc. on the MLREMS website and Weekly E-mail
 - This was in response to some direction from the DOH that we need to find alternative funding sources
 - We realize now that this process may have driven people away from using us a resource
 - Recently, we had several requests come in with regards to potential job opportunities
 - Would like to revisit the policy statement re: this; NEG to possibly review this
 - Suggestion would be that we make a one-liner and pass it on – Example: RMMS has a job posting; we could post a link on the MLREMS site stating there are job openings at RMMS, click the link for more information
 - A lot of work goes into these postings, takes time to track etc.
 - A little bit of money has been made from these: we charge \$25 to post a training & \$100 for a job posting
 - Facebook page in the works for MLREMS

Chair Report – Mark Tornstrom

Correspondence:

- Fund was created for Sean McCullough while he was in the hospital to help offset medical costs
- Council doesn't have the funds available at this time to contribute

Vice Chair Report – Tim Frost

- No report given

Secretary Report – Mark Philippy (Absent)

- Attendance issues
- Letters have gone out to the individuals who are out of compliance with our attendance policy
- Drs. Nasra & Davidoff and Patsy Pangia have been notified
- They will have the opportunity to speak at the November meeting re: this issue

Treasurer's Report – Reg Allen

- Waiting on a few payments from the State

Medical Director Report – Jeremy Cushman, MD

- No report

Strategic Planning – Mark Tornstrom

- Happy Birthday Tracy

Program Agency Report – Tracy DeMarse

- As Reg mentioned, we have been in contact with NYS trying to track down about \$13,000
- As Mark mentioned, four providers have recently passed away
- We will bend over backwards to get information re: fundraisers, services etc. on the website and in the weekly e-mail, but we need to know about it. Please keep this in mind.
- We have to receive an official request for information to get posted; we are not being selective
- Quarterly reports were sent out for 4th quarter
- Will begin working on 1st Quarter report in a few weeks
- Have been contacting agencies to setup accounts in Image Trend, the NYS bridge for NEMESIS information
- EMS Charts users don't have to do anything
- The State would like 2 users per agency to have accounts; All but 3 agencies are now setup
- We have been contacted by a company called Train Lou – an online repository subscription system for training videos for Fire & EMS
- They would like to access our videos to put in their library
- Before we can do anything, we need this body's approval
- An agency interested in working with them would have to pay for a subscription to have access to their online library
- Technically, they would be making money selling subscriptions to our free videos
- Our videos were created using State and Federal dollars – not sure we can give these away to someone who is charging for the services
- Facebook page about ready to go – a few things left to discuss
- You can't have a page without sponsored ads – is this body okay with that?
- This is part of the cost of doing business – Facebook doesn't cost us money
- The Fire Bureau has a Facebook page – the ads are standard
- Motion to approve Facebook page even with ads, Second, All in favor? Discussion?
- Tracy will be the admin of the page; has ability to delete comments posted by others etc.
- All trainings, advisories, etc. posted to the page will be linked to the MLREMS website
- Once launched, we will make a plea to keep inflammatory comments of the page etc.
- Other discussion? All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions?
- State Actions: Richard Warner, Jr. of Poughkeepsie, NY – suspended for 1 year effective 08/09/2012

NEG Report – Reg Allen

- Motion to accept the 20th edition of the MLREMS by-laws effective September 17th except for section 2.03
- Membership as identified in section 2 of the 19th edition of the by-laws will remain in effect until December 31st
- On January 1st, 2013, section 2.03 of the 20th edition of the by-laws will become effective
- 2012 fall elections will be to fill membership outlined in section 2.03 of the 20th edition of the by-laws
- Second. Discussion?
- Question: is it appropriate to have two Livingston County seats? Do both represent the same interest? Discussion re: this issue.
- Council has been restrictive about not having agencies having more opportunities for one seat; don't want to diverge from that
- Change wording that say "any" CON holder for the county can hold that seat vs. "the" CON holder
- Secretary's job description & the records they maintain – either the secretary holds the records or we contract it out to the Program Agency
- The only position that excludes EMS is the community position
- We aren't eliminating anyone; we reconfigured & organized the Council
- There will be a transition; it's not about who gets to stay. It's about the need to have our organization represented better

- We do not run background checks or credits checks on our members, however, we are handling State dollars, may be a good idea to look into doing this in the future
- Other discussion re: the motion on the table?
- Every time we post these by-laws for comments, we receive none, but when the meetings roll around, everyone has comments
- We have not made significant changes – shouldn't have to repost the document for another 20-day period
- Suggestion to move on with the vote

Roll Call – Done by Tim Frost

- Reg Allen, Thomas Coyle, Donna Bailey, Tom Bonfiglio, Lee Coller, Jeremy Cushman, Bob Faugh, Tim Frost, Joe Giorgione, George Glessner, Julie Jordan, Rommel Kirchoff, Jen Levey, Frank Manzo, Patsy Pangia, Manish Shah, Joe Wutenberg, Mark Tornstrom, Gwen Williams – All answered “Aye”
 - Elizabeth Murray, Mark Philippy, Dick Tripp – Absent
 - Tim Czapranski, Karen Dewar – Abstained
 - Motion Passes
- Reg to have final version of document done by tomorrow
 - Document of everyone's seats and expiration dates will be produced in preparation of the upcoming elections
 - The election of officers must follow the election of seats, which means a short special meeting for election of officers will need to be held in December

PIER Committee – Dick Tripp (Chair) – Absent

- Press releases have been written
- They will be reviewed by the Executive Committee
- Plan was to release them two weeks prior to Vital Signs

REMAC – Manish Shah, MD

- No report

Systems Operations – Tim Frost

- No new business
- Still have 4 standing BLSFR applications that are sitting at the State waiting for action by REMAC
- A few revision have been made to the BLSFR checklist
- Mutual Aid TAG – lots of people expressed interest. Tim Czapranski was nominated and accepted as chair of the TAG

Mutual Aid TAG – Tim Czapranski

- Nothing has been done yet
- Plan on sending out the policy and procedure as outlined from the State for considerations and interpretations of the language used
- Will get this out next week
- What we hope to accomplish most of this TAG is the elimination of recommendations coming forth from county offices & being debated and torn apart here at Council

Training & Education Committee – Mark Tornstrom

- Significant changes in terms of EMT curriculum requirements, as a result, one core sponsorship in particular has modified its present structure causing quite a stir
- That sponsorship is without complete leadership; Jen Levey has been stepping in to fill the void
- Asked Jen to step down as chair of this committee to eliminate any conflicts that already exist between her job role & the community at large
- Council is responsible to ensure that the training needs of our region are met

- Gap in the training opportunities for EMTs in our region
- Training & Ed needs to step forward in ensuring people in this region are receiving the product they need
- Poor attendance at Training & Ed
- Agencies do not have to send their providers outside of the MLREMS region to receive training
- We appreciate all of the work Jen put forth during her time as chair
- We are now looking for a new chair- interested parties should email Tracy or Mark
- Seconded motion to bring forward 2 CLI candidates
 - Eric Lepker & David Glyson
 - Packets are complete; requirements have been met
 - All in favor? Ayes. Opposed? Abstentions?
- Impromptu TAG has been formed to look at putting together guidance on the core curriculum component for the EMT training
 - New core class is 26 hours
 - There is a 13 hour addition – it is in place of some of the 48 hours of continuing ed
 - Would be of value to CICs involved in the course sponsors
 - If we as a regional council put out a product, we can put strength behind it
 - If you know of a provider who is trying to figure out what to do for the core, please reach out to Darrin Batty who is chairing this newly formed TAG

Livingston County Report – Karen Dewar

- No report

Monroe County Report – Tim Czapranski

- Monroe County Executive Deputy Coordinator position opening
- Airport drill was on September 15th – thanks to everyone in the room who participated
- Agencies who have not received their accountability hardware should contact me
- Power Point to be distributed soon

State EMS Council – Tim Czapranski

- Meetings will be October 3rd and 4th

Other News

- Next scheduled meeting is November 19th at 4:00 pm at PSTF
- Meeting adjourned