

**Thomas Jefferson EMS Council, Inc.
Board of Directors – November 16, 2005**

Members Present (per signature sheet at meeting):

D. Burns	W. Archard	N. Armstrong	R. Bickley
S. Braithwaite, MD	W. Crigler	B. Keene	M. McAllister
B. Meadowcroft	T. Reid	M. Rogers	B. Wood

Others:

W. Evatt	D. Conrad	S. Elliott	L. Johnson
D. Evatt	A. Jenkins		

Recognition of Guests and Proxies:

Donna Evatt held proxy for Garland Nuckols, Ann Jenkins for Audrey Snyder, and Bob Meadowcroft for Shelly Wright.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Donna Burns. Quorum was established and the meeting continued in formal session.

Minutes:

Motion to approve by Nadine Armstrong and seconded by Bob Meadowcroft, the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$66,991.60 in the checking account and \$93,926.00 in the Money Market account.

President's Report:

Donna has appointed Ben Sojka and Kostas Alibertis as the new Task Force Commanders. Survival Weekend will be held beginning April 10, 2006 and will be held at the Miller School. The application for the Task Force is on the OEMS site under "Downloadable Forms". After filling out the application, send it to Donna for signature and she will submit it to the state. Donna explained about transition hours on CE reports. Christy and Donna will offer Transition Modules at the 2006 Symposium. The HRSA EMS working group will have a representative from each Council. The state wide plan is to transport 500 in 3 hours. West Virginia is Donna's area to research. Sabina spoke concerning the Avian Flu and Linda recommended N95 masks.

Staff Reports:

Executive Director:

Mary Kathryn is back at work. The baby has been coming in to the office but will be in day care starting next week.

Training Specialist:

The Scottsville class is finishing and Cookie has two classes coming up. One class will be held in Madison and plans for the other are not yet complete. The Consolidated Test Site will be in December at St. Anne's. The 2006 CE calendars are printed.

Regional OEMS Representative:

Steve McNeer got married last month. Donna will contact OEMS about concerns with Steve not making meetings or making contact with TJEMS.

Old Business:

Not everyone got their CD for Chem Pack training. TJEMS will need to develop guidelines for our region. All regional providers will be trained on Chem Pack and our OMD;s will need to write the protocol. A handout of the ODEMSA protocols was given out.

New Business:

A Nomination Committee was formed for Vice President and Treasurer.

Closing:

There being no additional business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna S. Evatt
Administrative Assistant
TJEMS

Corrections/additions:

President's Report:

"Sabina led a discussion regarding response to a possible outbreak of the avian flu in our region. The current death rate from avian flu in Asia and eastern Europe is about 50%. Because this strain of the flu can only be transmitted to humans via exposure to infected birds, control strategies focus on quarantine and elimination of exposed/infected bird populations. The major concern is that the current stain will mutate into a form that can be transmitted from human to human directly. This has not yet happened but, if it does, a pandemic involving many millions of exposures is possible with major consequences for health-care systems worldwide."

"Donna Burns led a discussion regarding possible deployment on ambulances of antidote kits (SPECIFY TYPE) for patients exposed to biological-weapons agents such as Saran. These kits were recently stocked on ambulances in the Richmond area. However, several factors would likely limit the benefit from widespread deployment in our region. 1) To be effective, the medication must be delivered quickly (few to tens of minutes) following exposure. However, access to exposed patients would be limited to providers who are hazmat equipped and trained; most in our region are not. 2) In addition, the kits are expensive (SPECIFIC COST, \$500 each?) and have a relatively short shelf life (SPECIFY TIME, 2 years?). Consequently, the substantial funds that would be required to deploy all units in the region would likely come at the expense of other more cost-effective equipment and supplies. Based on the above, the BOD felt that it may be appropriate to consider deploying these kits on selected first responder units equipped to quickly access patients exposed to biological agents (e.g., hazmat equipped fire trucks at manned stations). However it would not be advisable to stock most ambulances because very few if any likely scenarios would allow sufficiently rapid administration."