



THOMAS JEFFERSON EMS COUNCIL, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting

In person and Zoom Meeting

March 13, 2024

19:00

In Attendance:

Hal Schaffer, Louisa County Rescue

Peter Davidson, Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue

Noah Hillstrom, Madison County EMS

Mike Riddle, Wintergreen Fire & Rescue

Courtney Lambert, Martha Jefferson Sentara Hospital

Melanie Welcher, Western Albemarle Rescue

Meade Whitaker, Albemarle County Fire & Rescue

Debbie Smith, Fluvanna County

Billy Hamm, Louisa County Fire & EMS

George Lindbeck, Regional Medical Director

Peppy Winchel, Executive Director

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes – Discussion on Jan minutes question about drawing blood from patients and what the procedure of doing so was. It was agreed upon to remove that from the minutes.

Recognition of Proxy Members and Guests: Hal Schaffer is proxy for Lilly Bramble
Chris Vernovai Office of OEMS, Chris Furnaby, David Puckett ACFR

Announcements – None currently

Bylaws revisions- None currently

Executive Director Report – Peppy Winchel

1. OEMS



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- a. Report – Chris Vernovai: There was an all-hands-on-deck meeting today. All staff, some VDH senior leadership and regional directors were there. Working toward what OEMS looks like moving forward. The staff in place at the office have been redesignated as deputy directors. Cam Crittenden, Scott Winston, and Karen Owens. Chris will still be part of the traditional council alongside Karen and Tim.
Discussion on what CE will look like this year within the councils since there will not be a symposium. RSAFE grants will be re-opening. The state is looking nationally for a new director.
- b. Advisory Board – Melissa Meador should be reaching out to find out if there are individuals that want to advance their careers by helping and joining committees for the Governor’s Advisory Board that is happening soon.

2. Programs

- a. Training
 - i. Council Expos: CSEMS and TJEMS hosted an EMS expo at Blue Ridge Community College Weekend of March 14-17
TEMS will be having a Healthcare Expo May 14th-19th
- b. PI
 - i. Alecia will hold PI/TI meetings once a quarter instead of once every two months to correlate with the quarter reports from the hospitals and TJEMS.
- c. MH/W
 - i. SAMSHA grant finalizing the grant. We received several letters of support and appreciate it from those who sent those in.
 - ii. SFA training is available as a 2-part training, the first part is all online, the second part is in person. The first part is available to anyone in VA UVA can offer the second part, but they can only do those within TJEMS region.
- d. Dusty is setting up classes quarterly that are Pediatric, Geriatric and Special population heavy. Please let us know if you want a class in your area. We will be tracking where students come from so, we have a better idea of who we are serving
- e. CP/MIH: Scopes program is meeting regularly. If it is something you would like to implement in your area let Peppy, George, who can keep you in touch with Brett Schneider.
Agencies must fill out the notice of Intent for Paramedicine.
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/community-paramedicine-mobile-integrated-healthcare/>
- f. Pharmacy: Discussion about what the drug kit program was and what it is now. In the last meeting with UVA and Martha Jefferson, we were told they would no longer fill the drug kits as of November 20, 2024. 30th of June pharmacies will not be stocking the bottom or top drawer which is class 6. From July 1 to November 27, TJEMS will work with everyone to ensure agencies have the DEA License and have been inspected. Discussion about how the counties will be handling the transition. CSR’s and DEA numbers were also discussed. George will be getting a guidance document together the next few weeks.



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Treasurers Report - Pete Davidson: Continues to be on a solid financial footing. State has caught up. Pete and Peppy are working on the next budget. Working on matching up programs with funding available.

Old Business – No old business

New Business – Noah: Meeting with Fitch and Associates on March 6th. Many of the different ticket items include the council's relationship with OEMS communication and transparency consistency. There was discussion on the relevancy of the council and where OEMS should ideally live under VDH or elsewhere. It was a good exercise and the information they are getting from each individual council will be valuable.

Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are up for reelection
Noah Hillstrom has accepted the nomination for Secretary.
Hal Schaffer Nomination for Vice president
Pete Davidson Nomination for Treasurer
Have open nominations for voting on in May and installation in July

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 20:23