

SWAC Meeting @ Region 2 Conference & via Zoom

November 16, 2022 @ 1330

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Meeting came to order at 13:31 and introductions were made. Quorum was met. 19 in person attendance and 12 via zoom.

The minutes from July 27, 2022, were reviewed and approved. Grey Kotila motioned. Joaquin Graham seconded that motion.

Proxies that were identified included: none .

Committee Reports

- Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee —Brent Hamilton
 - Unable to attend in person.
 - With this COVID heavy season, he expressed great gratitude for first responders. Busy season.
- Medical Direction Committee — Dr. Kim Pruett
 - Kyle Thornton spoke about transition from Dr. Crook to Dr. Pruett for State Medical Director. He shared that Dr. Crook is now home in Tennessee.
 - Provided an update on the Scope of Practice. Only recommended skill approvals was the removal of the 0.3cc syringe for EMT-Basic and epi 1mg 1cc for treatment for asthma and anaphylaxis. These changes will reflect in the next update of the Scope.
- JOE Committee — Diane Meyer
 - Vice Chair was voted in for SFCC.
 - Rebecca gave an update for CNM: the new paramedic fast track program has 22 students that will graduate in 2023. Traditional program just completed with 18 students that will graduate in December 2023. There are 13 current paramedic students, 10 of which will test for national registry on December 12. 5 courses are being taught with enrollment. 5 more in spring. 2 will contract with AFR in December. Some spring courses have low enrollment.
 - Fall semester every level plus ce packages. Paramedic course just started next august. New hire clinical coordinator, Hilary Burton-SJCC
 - Joaquin Graham asked if it would be possible to be able to provide a number of active ICs per county
- EMS For Children — Katherine Shaeffer
 - Went over the program, federally funded for over 20 years, grant cycle of 4 years. A new cycle starts in April 2023 and ends April 2027. If you want

education want to be part, contact Katherine Schaeffer. The meetings are the same day as SWAC.; she went on to explain the position as she is stepping out of the role on Monday. Will be overseeing this position until new hire but moving into a critical care role. Katherine thanked SWAC for allowing pediatrics a seat at the table.

- Trauma Advisory Committee (TASSC) — Liana Lujan and Mike Guinn
 - Currently in the TASSC meeting
 - Reminder of next meeting: Trauma Advisory & System Stakeholder Committee: November 16
- Public Regulation Commission Update - Jessie Montoya, Director, Kacy Dunn, Bureau Chief, and Marcus Pena
 - Kacy present- Commission granted an extension waiver for one EMT driver, expire of march 2023. As rules are being revised, they hope that many rules can be changed once the commission is established and elected. The vote for this is December 2nd.evise rule. Personnel requirements. Rural and national crisis, worker shortage. Chad Carve asked about waiver expiring and was informed that if the rules don't change by March, then the waiver will be re-varianced in order to meet current needs.
- EMS Bureau Program Updates - Kyle Thornton, Bureau Chief
 - Kyle thanked the PRC for being open and helpful during the pandemic, especially for looking at variances and rule changes.
 - Bureau is going through significant changes with new division director and finance office changes.
 - Still current challenges with various contracts; working to get these completed.
- EMS Program Manager- Solange Pihut:
 - Air ambulance applications are now available on-line.
 - Special Skills application is being tested
 - Talked about state Crisis Support Team with phone number.
- EMS Licensing Manager- Peggy Ann Griego
 - Renewal season is in full swing
 - DPS form background to do for last names M-Z.
 - Service directors needs to ensure updated emails are going into the portal.
 - Medical Directors need to continue signing off on applications.
 - Ce's done and completed prior to waiver, you can use those CE from last renewal, 2019-2020. Make sure they're in the system. Update your profile. Still no pay portal, mail in check or drop off in person.
 - Dispatchers = 420, up by 25
 - EMT First Responders = 341, up by 3
 - EMT Basic = 3510, up by 73
 - Intermediate = 1931, up by 25
 - Paramedic = 2306, up by 52
 - Total= 8511, up by 187

- Chad Carver asked about CE's being 50/50, online CEs. Confirmed that they will go back to 50/50 next renewal. Kyle states that the State is still accepting CEs this renewal, people paid for them prior to the shutdown and this allows them to still use them. There was back and forth conversation about the importance of CE opportunities versus online being inevitable.
- Fund Act) — Rachel Marquez
 - 5 appeals for entities receiving money.
 - Gave an update on the appeals process and requests on appeals that have been submitted on Fund Act awards.
 - Reviewed San Jon's appeal. Debbie Stoner expressed her concern on the amount they were awarded. They only requested \$ 2,200 dollars (by accident) and there for received a lesser amount than the \$ 7,000.00 they usually get. It was a clerical error.
 - There was a motion to fully fund San Jon at \$ 8,874.00. Joaquin motioned with Chad as second. Motion passes unanimously.
 - Santa Rosa explained their appeal. They were funded but did not spend it on time. They are also having problems with vehicles and the ability to cover Vaughn. They are looking to get money back from Vaughn and give it to Santa Rosa.
 - Motion to approve funding \$3,000.00 in Emergency Funding to Santa Rosa. James makes the motion, with 2nd by Mick Leo. Passes unanimously.
 - Special Projects are due by Friday.
 - Joaquin asks if the money gets brought back, the pool isn't increased? Confirmed that the money goes back to EMS for next year. Could be used with emergency funding.
 - Due to time constraint, other appeals will be addressed by email.
- Shannon Talent for Communications- radio comms has not been happening a lot. Covid now doing in home vaccines.
- Liana Lujan for Trauma- Carlsbad Medical Center has renewed their designation for Trauma Center. Hospitals are still overcrowded with trauma and they are going out of state.

Joaquin asks about the newest image trend update to version 3.5 Kyle states that only 2 agencies have transitioned over, but that early next year we will start at the Bureau. Kyle explained that it is not a requirement that NM submits to NEMESIS in 3.5 format.

- EMS Regional Updates
 - Region 1 & 3 — Jesse Mower/Donnie Roberts- It's been very busy, assisting bureau with online application, TSFA, local systems, annual reports, special skills, and regional review inspections of medical rescues.
 - Region 2 — Doug Campion- similar tasks as Region 1 and 3. Conference going on this week and excited about it, talked about some events for the rest of the week.

- EMS Training Institutions Updates:
 - DACCA- none
 - CNM- see above
 - UNM EMS— just celebrated 50th anniversary
 - SJCC –Diane Meyer gave an update on campus activities on San Juan Community. New clinical coordinator – Hillary Burton.
 - Eastern — none
 - SFCC – Owen Stenzel is interim director. Student numbers- 6 paramedics finishing, 14 new cohort. 12 basic finishing now. 16 finishing soon. Spring-3-4 basic classes. 3 new ic, 3 in progress.

- Other Business:
 - Legislative and national issues: funding legislation, nothing by executive. Nationally- 988 suicide line, seems to be working. Complete turn of staff at National Registry. Transition to no practical exam. Written test only.
 - Greg reports that Senator Burt, proposing New Mexico County association award of 10 million recurring for EMS but wants DOH outside of it.
 - Ann Martinez was presented an award from Statewide Advisory Committee for all of her years of service.
 - Election of SWAC officers
 - Chair- James Williams by Joaquin. James accepts. Motion to cease nominations and accept by acclamation. The motion carried.
 - Vice Chair- Marc Nason nominated Chad Hamill as Vice Chair. Joaquin nominated Pete Bellows as Vice Chair. Chad removed his name. There was a motion that nominations cease and Pete Bellows was elected Vice Chair.
 - Secretary- Chad Hamill nominated by Katherine, 2nd by James. Motion to cease nominated, none opposed

Next meeting: February 8, 2023. Location TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm .