

SKEMS – Region 2 Council Meeting

August 19th, 2009 at St Catherine's Hospital, Room 1

These minutes are unofficial until reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at the SKEMS meeting October 21st, 2009.

John Ralston thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. John also thanked Pioneer Communications and St Catherine's Hospital.

John Ralston welcomed the new Board members that were present. Sharon Vanatta from Kearny County, Terri Burns from Hodgeman County, Kenneth Smith from Hamilton County. Guests present are Sarah House with EMSC, Michael Johnson with Life Team, Louis Smith from Gray County and Cathy Hernandez with Finney County EMA.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved with two corrections to be made. The treasures report was handed out, reviewed, and approved.

Debbie Brown gave the update for KEMTA. The conference next year will be in Great Bend on March 19 through the 21, 2010. The Board members are working on the Education Track for the Conference. The contract for the Highland Hotel and Convention Center has been signed. Things are coming together for the 2010 Conference.

Brad Sisk gave the update for KEMSA. Brad is no longer on the KEMSA Board. Brad believed that the attendance for the last blast was down some.

EDTF update was done by Ralph Classen. The EDTF committee met in Salina to go over the information that was collected from the Regions during the Education Proposal meetings that were done in each Region. Changes that were made from the comments from the Region's are as follows: To be a Mentor you need to have 2000 hours of classroom teaching, a Bachelor degree and five classes taught with successful outcome. Expected outcome for all Educators must have a 70% pass rate from the last three classes. This is after three attempts on practical or academic. Randy Cardonell asked why they were holding the Educators to a higher standard than what the National Registry does with regards' to attempts? Ralph will take this question back to the EDTF committee. Ralph said that the Mentor must do at least 50% of the requests that need to be mentored. Deb Brown asked how many people qualify to be a Mentor. Ralph said that Carman said that there was around 40 people state wide. Clay Cox asked what, does a Mentor have to do for a class. Ralph said that they will meet with the Educator before the class starts to go over the paper work and must attend the class at least three times. The TO's will be called Trainers and the IC's will be called Educators. The Trainers and Educators will be required to teach a set number of hours to keep their title. In October EDTF will start writing Regulations and Statues to fit the Educators Proposal. The next meeting is October 19&20 in Salina at Fire station #3 on the South end of Salina.

John Ralston went over the upcoming classes the Sarah with EMSC has posted on the list Serve.

Jay Taylor gave the Homeland Security update. The last meeting was in Ulysses on the 800 radios. In late September or early October classes will start on the training on the radios. The bridge will be up and running at that time. The Ambulance Services will have to install their radios at their own cost. Project sheets for 2009 are done John Ralston said. Cathy Hernandez told about upcoming training that will be available.

JJ Deckert was not present to give a Trauma update.

Sarah House with EMSC passed out the data from the last survey that they did. EMSC has restructured and are setting new goals for next year Sarah asked about the travels of Terry the Traumasaurus. At this time Terry is in Region 1, Colby.

John Ralston told about the upcoming RFP for practical testing that the Board is working on. John asked the Region what they want to do with testing. Do we want to bid on the RFP or let it go? The Region voted to push forward with putting a bid in for the RFP on practical testing. September 30 in Topeka there will be a meeting with the Region's to help put input into what needs to be covered in the RFP. People from the Region going to this meeting will be John Ralston, Kathy Dooley, Debbie Brown, Bob Prewitt, Brad Sisk, and Ralph Classen.

The meeting was adjourned:

October 21st is the next meeting; in Garden City at 7:00 pm. I TV will be available through Pioneer Network. Please let Mary Adams know if you need ITV connection.

