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WACEMS Regular Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2007, Pine Lake, AZ

PRESENT

Jake Barlow – President
Jerry Stein – MCC
Al Masse – Tri Valley Ambulance
Jason Cramer – Buckskin Fire
Ed Armijo – ADHS
Rick Felish – Lake Havasu City
Shane Stuart – Grand Canyon West

Bill Johnston – Vice President
Rod Reed – ED
Jose Lizarraga – Quartzsite Fire
Shawn Lawless – Golden Shores
Terry Mullins – ADHS
Leon Montgomery – Grand Canyon West
Javier Hernandez – Somerton Cocopah Fire

Kimi Locke – Treasurer
Edgardo Silva – San Luis Fire
Kimberly Briggs – ADHS
Kristen Terry – Valley View
Tom Little – Grapevine Mesa
Melinda Bell – Grand Canyon W
Chrisy Beacom – Pine Lake

CALL TO ORDER

President Jake Barlow called the meeting to order at 1004.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 10, 2007 were presented. Motion by Jerry Stein to accept the minutes as written. Vote was unanimous to approve.

REPORTS

- a. President's Report. Jake addressed the vacancy on the EMS Council for the Western Region representative. He next gave a brief recap of the ACS review of the Arizona trauma system. Jake reminded everyone that WACEMS just started the new fiscal year and new contract with the state. CON holders will be contacted by BEMSTS to ascertain their ability to electronically collect EMS run data.
- b. Treasurer's report. Rod Reed presented and explained the WACEMS Profit and Loss and General Ledger reports for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007. Copies were available. Motion by Jerry Stein to accept the Treasurers Report as stated. Vote was unanimous to approve.
- c. ADHS report. Terry Mullins and Ed Armijo reported. Terry reported on an available grant through the U.S. Health of Human Services Office. The grant requires coordination with trauma centers, and would assist hospitals with NIMS and ESAR VHP compliance. The grant deadline is August 1, 2007, and a copy of the grant was available. Terry next presented a brochure for a Rural and Frontier EMS systems conference to be held in the spring of 2008. Terry stated it should be a great conference with emphasis on rural EMS and Rural Access Hospitals. Terry next spoke about new NHTSA recommendations for EMT certifications, including IEMT becoming an Advanced EMT. He advised that the Arizona state guidelines and regulations are tied to the national standards, and providers need to maintain an awareness of the significant changes coming in the next 3 – 4 years, and push the state to stay on top of the changes and do the right thing. Also, EMTP training programs will be required to be nationally accredited by January of 2009. Ed Armijo reported on the BEMSTS project regarding EMS data collected by CON holders,

and that they will be comparing it to the NEMSIS dataset. They have collected datasets from 12 other states so far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

- a. Education Committee. Jerry Stein reported that the committee had received requests totaling \$2050.00. Request included; Quartzsite Fire for \$1050 for seven refreshers, and \$1000 to help fund an EMTP refresher class at Kingman Fire. Jerry Stein made a motion to approve the requests as stated, vote was unanimous to approve. Jerry next presented a draft of a proposed change to the WACEMS reimbursement policy for education requests. The draft policy would support continuing education/refreshers versus initial certifications. There was discussion on the policy, and the Council decided to table the draft so agencies can discuss, and bring back to the next meeting for possible action. Another policy that is being proposed would offer scholarship opportunities to assist individuals with hardship or great need acquire their initial certification.
- b. Equipment/Resource Committee. Bill Johnston reported that the committee had received no requests.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Data Collection Project. Rod Reed reported on the status of this project. Currently WACEMS has three agencies utilizing HealthEMS, Tri-Valley Ambulance, Lake Mohave Ranchos Fire, and Yuma Fire. Colorado City and Golden Shores have had the training, and are in the implementation stage. Bullhead City, Fort Mojave Mesa, and Tri-State Care Flight have training scheduled for next week. Buckskin Fire has had the training but not gone live yet. Mohave Valley is currently preparing for the training.
- b. EMSC Committee. No report.
- c. ACS Trauma System Review. This item was previously covered under the President's report, and ADHS report. Terry Mullins reported that the final report would be available in approximately three months. He will send out the preliminary report via e-mail.
- d. Annual Contract. Rod Reed went over the new annual contract between the state and WACEMS. Deliverables and timelines were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. EMCS Pediatric Symposium. This conference will be held in October of this year in the Phoenix area. Will be a one or two day conference. The state has included \$1000 funding in this years budget to assist WACEMS in sending five persons from the region to attend this conference. As no date was available yet, identifying the participants was put on hold until the next general meeting.
- b. EMTP Initial Certification Reimbursement. This item was covered under Committee Reports. A draft policy should be forthcoming from the Education Committee.
- c. AED Conversion Update. Rod Reed reported that the upgrade CD was now available from Cardiac Science. The CD's had been purchased are available at the meeting. Additionally, providers had been advised they could bring their AED's to this meeting, and Rod would perform the upgrade after the meeting. As the AED trainers are not upgradeable, Cardiac Science offered to sell replacement trainers to WACEMS at cost, \$245 each for the 23 old trainers in the region. Motion by Jerry Stein to purchase the replacement AED trainers and use Provider Assistance funds. Motion was unanimous to approve. Rod will purchase and ensure delivery.

- d. EMS Council Vacancy. Jake Barlow reported that Harry Nystedt's resignation had created a vacancy on the EMS Council. The vacant spot is designated as "REPRESENTATIVE FROM LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING SYSTEM - WESTERN REGION" and has traditionally been filled by the individual serving as President of WACEMS. Jake further reported that as President he will not be able to fill the vacancy due to time and distance constraints. Jake nominated Rod Reed to apply for the position if he was willing. Jerry Stein made a motion that BEMSTS submit Rod Reed's name to fill the position on the EMS Council for the Western Region. Vote was unanimous to approve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next WACEMS Executive Board meeting will be via telephone conference call on August 9, 2007 at 1300.
- b. Next regular WACEMS meeting will be held on September 13, 2007 at 1000. The location will be Lake Havasu City.
- c. Upcoming classes and seminars were announced. Mass fatalities seminar in Phoenix next week, documentation seminar in Bullhead end of July, pediatric trauma emergency seminars in Flagstaff and Sierra Vista, Quartzsite EMTP refresher in October.

ADJOURNMENT