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Western Arizona Council of Emergency Medical Services
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WACEMS Regular Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2009, Lake Havasu City, Arizona

PRESENT

Bill Johnston –President/Kingman Fire
 Javier Hernandez – Somerton/Cocopah Fire
 Russ Paronto – Lake Mohave Ranchos FD
 Kim Briggs – BEMSTS
 Maureen Walker – LPRMC
 Chester Key – River Medical

Sue Kern – KRMC
 Edgardo Silva – San Luis Fire
 Jim McConnell – HMMC
 Noreen Adlin – BEMSTS
 Earl Atkinson – Pine Lake
 Brad Shelton – River Medical

Rod Reed - ED
 Jake Barlow – Colorado City Fire
 Ed Armijo – BEMSTS
 John Valentine – River Medical
 Heather Miller - PMI
 Steven Lepore – FMMFD

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1010 by President Bill Johnston.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from regular meeting of July 9, 2009 were presented. Motion made by Sue Kern to accept the minutes as written. Vote was unanimous to approve.

REPORTS

- a. President’s report. President Bill Johnston reiterated the budget concerns that were detailed in a letter accompanying the minutes, and let those present know that the WACEMS budget for the upcoming year is still not set.
- b. Executive Director’s report. Rod Reed reported that agenda and minutes for WACEMS meetings would be e-mailed in the future rather than mailing paper copies. Please let Rod know if you would like a paper copy mailed. Rod Reed also reported on the budget problems. BEMSTS has a budget, but is still facing additional cuts. Current proposed WACEMS budget is down by 20% from last year, and hopefully won’t be cut further. Began work on the Provider Assistance project. Reapplied for membership on the EMS Council. Next EMS Council meeting is September 18. Retrieved backboards for La Paz and Mohave Counties were available at the meeting.
- c. Treasurer’s report. Rod Reed presented the WACEMS Profit and Loss, and Ledger reports for the period July 1, 2008 through September 8, 2009. Rod also reported that July and August financial reports have been submitted to the state, and funding was received for July. Copies of all reports were available. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented was made by Sue Kern, vote was unanimous to approve.
- d. ADHS report. Ed Armijo reported on the upcoming EMS Quality Assurance Conference to be held on October 29 and 30 in Flagstaff. Ed next relayed that La Paz Regional Hospital has applied for and achieved status as a level 4 trauma center, Kingman Regional has applied as a level 4, and is scheduled for a site visit in mid October. EMS Council, STAB and MDC meetings next week. Javier Hernandez asked if the Rules Committee was still going to meet, Ed replied

that the moratorium on rule changes was still in effect until January 2010. Ed reported that during EMS Council next week there will be a presentation on scope of practice and new EMS levels. Ed also spoke regarding the EMS Council addressing the issue of accreditation of training programs to meet upcoming NAEMT standards, and discussed some pros and cons of a dual state/NAEMT track. Next there was some discussion regarding the EMS Council position for Layperson from the Western Region, currently filled by Jerry Stein.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

- a. Education/Equipment Committee. Javier Hernandez reported that the committee had received two requests totaling \$7000, for equipment (broselow bags and EZ-IO's). The committee recommended holding the requests until WACEMS has a final budget figure. No motion was made.
- b. EMS for Children. Sue Kern reported that the last meeting was canceled, and the next meeting is scheduled for next Friday. Sue also reported that Shawn Lawless would be helping her with representing WACEMS at these meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. 0910 Provider Assistance. This item was previously covered. Bill Johnston reminded members to contact Rod once the budget issues are resolved to get further info on their awards.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Appleseed Project. Rod Reed reported that Norma Battaglia with Tucson Fire is spearheading a statewide effort to encourage collaboration between EMS and public health. Meeting is sponsored by CDC and ACEP. The idea is to get participation from lead EMS agencies and county health departments from around the state, share success stories, and plan future collaborative projects in the public injury prevention arena. Rod had flyers for the workshop available. Most agencies reported that budgetary restrictions would prevent them from traveling to Tucson, and/or adding additional projects to their workload. Rod Reed agreed to attend and represent the Western Region, and would relay the successes and problems relayed here today.
- b. EMS Needs Assessment. Rod Reed presented an EMS transport needs assessment from the City of Yuma. The city is looking to have the needs assessment adopted by WACEMS to specifically address the needs of the City of Yuma, and not the region as a whole. There was considerable discussion, with the resolution that the needs assessment will be included with the minutes for the meeting so members can familiarize themselves with it prior to any action at the next general meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Announce next WACEMS Executive Board meeting, date, time and location. Currently scheduled for October 15, 2009 at 1:00 pm via phone conference.
- b. Announce next WACEMS regular meeting, date, time and location. Currently scheduled for November 12, 2009 at 10:00 am, in Yuma. The meeting date was changed to November 19, 2009 so as not to conflict with state committee meetings on November 12.
- c. Roundtable. Jake Barlow reported on Colorado City upgrading their CON to include ALS. Javier Hernandez discussed problems encountered at his agency with a difficult refusal call.