



January 17, 2019 – 1-3pm -- Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

West Des Moines Station #19

Call To Order – Mark Sachen, President

Welcome/Roll Call/Proxies/Determination of Quorum/Conflict of Interest—T. Summitt

Approval of Agenda – Motion by B. Rechkemmer, 2nd by T. Summitt – No Discussion. All Aye. Motion Passes to Amend the Agenda to include a Bylaw Change to Section IV #4, as presented by email and hardcopy at this meeting.

Lobbyist Report—Eric Goranson—Day 4 of the new session. Next week they really get going. This first week is introducing himself to the ¼ o of the legislation, so they know where to go on EMS questions.

- **Will be talking to who to talk to Sen. Chapman – Replica Bill** –Talking to him about possibly finding a sponsor for the bill. Eric Goranson has a great working relationship with him. Hopeful we can do something on this.
- **Reagan and Kinney Bill** -- introduced a bill to support EMS of Essential Service at a local level—they are a minority, likely not to go anywhere. But it just might—brand new yesterday, Eric will follow up with them.
- **GEMT** – possible delay because of the government shutdown, as CMS is not moving. Lots of questions for how reimbursements will happen. Eric Goranson and Karla will reimbursement questions.
- **AHA is pushing for a STEMI system.**
- **Future Ready Iowa** – is going to be great. Sen. Chapman is on this as well. There will be a lot of bills on workforce development issues that could help us.

Bureau of Emergency & Trauma Services Report – IDPH Rebecca Curtiss, Bureau Chief BETS

- Budgets are very tight. As far as we know everything is status quo.
- Currently 2 Open positions – EMS Field Coordinator—interviews next week. Opioid position –Anticipate the contracts will get out to the eastern side of the state through the service area. So we can start doing training to the treatment programs.
- **Legislation priority is Replica** – our Assistant Atty. General has agreed to write the bill. Ready to go, waiting for a sponsor and for our “go.” Eric Goranson is working on it with Sen. Chapman as indicated above.
- **First state-wide webinar** – on Chapter 132 Changes. A few challenges, big one is imited to 100 participants. That has been fixed. So new links will go out to allow more can attend. And we’ll add a webinar if needed. It went pretty well. The drafts of Chapter 132 were worked pretty hard, with wide spread input. After explaining the changes, everyone is ok with it. The purpose is to support Rural EMS. Intent is after this month, finish up the last changes and get them in front of the Board of Health by March.
- **Scope of Practice** Changes moving forward looking really good.



- **Utilizing Clinical Guidelines**—on the website there is a wiki page with the guidelines on them. Services can write their protocols to. Rather than telling them what they can do—working instead working with the medical directors to see all the standing protocols and let them establish solid protocols for their areas. Expanded text (about 10 pages) of a detailed understanding of what the scope of practice is—instead of just a table of what you can and can't do. The Medical Directors are looking forward to this. Some service directors are a little nervous.
- **Lucas Devices** – we got an extension so we can get about 20 more devices out before March
- **Simulation in Motion** – we somehow upset the Helmsley Folks. So we've started over. Diane Williams heading up the Trauma area—pushed out a year or more, as we're not in the budget for this year. Sustainability was an issue and that might have upset them. We had people that were interested in taking the units, but most of the interested parties couldn't find a way to sustain it—after the grant money runs out.

Medical Director Report –Dr. Christopher Hill – **Concept of Protocols and Guidelines**, there are some very non-engaged Medical Directors that are aware of these protocols. Which puts those services under them vulnerable in the lack of support. We need to help regionally as much as possible. Dr. Hill will be working with a workshop with that will help bring those medical directors up to steam.

Data piece -- He feels very excited about the data piece—allows us to focus in on the quality of care that is offered in the pre-hospital setting.

Approval of Minutes

- December 20th, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes –_Motion to approve Mark McCulloch, 2nd by Rechkemmer. All Ayes. No Discussion. Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report –

Brandon Smith – B. Rechkemmer motioned --With the current active review of our financials, motion to approve the outstanding financials for July through December Financials as provided in the packet. 2nd by M. McCulloch. All Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Approval of the July, August, & September 2018 Financials-Discussion of written reports submitted at the October Meeting –see written Financial Reports Submitted by Brandon Smith.
- Oct, November & December Financials ---see written Financial Reports Submitted by Brandon Smith.
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- 2019 Budget Review and Approval – B. Rechkemmer, L. Crilly – approved as is. All Aye. Motion Approved.

ISICSB Board Report – M. Sachen – Currently searching for a replacement for gender balance. We do have a possible Kathy Herrick—training for the com center in Charles City. Haven't contacted her yet. She is not an EMS provider.

Office Administration – L. Arndt



--Financial Review Update --Desmond & Shaul -- Lisa Arndt met with Joe Desmond, they have a copy of our books and are working through the flow of data.

Committee Reports –

Executive Report– M. Sachen --

2019 Proposed Budget done. Legislative coming along. Mark Sachen and Mark McCulloch attended the State of State Address and talked to the Governor and Senators about bills coming down the pike.

GEMT – Mark McCulloch – Karla McHenry Contract Extension – we extended the contract 6-months. There are a few questions as to what’s going to happen. GEMT is passed. In other states, GEMT has been approved for public providers—it’s done and happening for her. But what we are paying Karla McHenry for is to advocate for getting other providers in our state that are not government providers included in this program. It’s the right thing to do as our association is made of all kinds of providers. So, GEMT is done, it’s going to happen—we are just trying to get the delicate job done, without ruin it for the government providers. Administrative rule writing is the sticking point. DHS State plan amendment to include the additional providers, has to go to CMS—at the federal government. Which is the right thing to do, but we have a lot of questions the federal government will have about why we are including the non-governmental agencies. So it’s very delicate. Cost Reimbursement that the federal government sets is very low, so this would raise our baseline and would help all EMS providers. It’s a whole lot of money and hinging on the passing by the Federal Government of our State Plan Amendment.

2019 Committee Assignments – let Mark Sachen know if there is an assignment someone is not comfortable with let Mark Sachen know.

Billing and Management Conference- April 8 & 9th, 2019 —Hilton Garden Inn—West Des Moines. We are offering the 1 ½ days for 12.0 Days to Billers. No CADS for this year. The other ½ day will be the — Non-Billers Conference Agenda Set. PCC is the elite sponsor this year and is working with the committee to develop the Non-Billers Conference. We are partnering with BETS and PCC and our board knowledge to get information out to our non-billers services, to help them get their piece of the pie. Just fine-tuning the agenda. Mark Sachen will be working on the Data session, and Linda & Nella on the advantages of Billing – with PCC. Free of charge—to Non-Biller agencies. We will market this to Service Directors and David Filipp suggested sending it to the City Managers and Mayors. Rebecca Curtiss will get us a list from League of Cities.

Pediatric Conference – January 12, 2019– Western Iowa Tech, Sioux City, Iowa – L. Crilly – CE’s in, Sponsor Omaha Children’s, Agenda Set-Registration is open – 28 attended included Staff, Speakers and attendees. Attendees raved about the educational program. Megan Sorensen has an excellent presentation, on helping EMS providers with ped’s education. LaDonna Crilly, pediatric conference 2020 and 2021 will be discussed in the



EMS-Day-On-the Hill/Emerging Trends Conference—

February 6th, 2019—WEDNESDAY --Date Reserved for EMS Day on the Hill –Rotunda confirmed— Hilton Des Moines for Hotel Block, Emerging Trends will be at the Event Center—Behavior and Physical Health of EMS Providers. Registration is open. The Hotel Discounted block was extended to January 18th. Registration is beginning to come in. But we need to get out there and push it.

Legislative/ByLaws – M. Sachen – Motion to amend the bylaws as follows – L. Frederiksen, 2nd by L. Crilly, All aye.
Motion Carries.

SECTION IV – GOVERNING BODY

4. Regional representatives on the Board of Directors must live or be associated with emergency care in their respective regions. Additionally, there will be two (2) Directors representing the EMS training programs to be elected by the Statewide EMS Training Program Committee, and three (3) Directors At-Large, to be elected from the membership of the Association. The term of the Directors begins with the December meeting of the Board and shall be for staggered two (2) year terms with no limit on the number of terms held. The Training Programs shall elect their board representatives. The term of the Directors begins with the December meeting of the Board, following the October election. The At-Large **and Regional** Representatives shall be nominated by **another active member of the association** through a nomination petition blank mailed to active members of the Association or secured electronic venue. Election will take place prior to the annual meeting through a secret vote by mail or secured electronic venue of active members of the Association.

Motion to approve the Agenda with the Ammendment

EMSAC – L. Frederiksen – Met in January to go through the Chapter 132 and Scope of Practice—the entire day was devoted to that.

Membership –

Membership – Affiliate –L. Frederiksen – Affiliates are growing especially. We’re moving in the right direction.

Voice – B. Rechkemmer – Strategy meeting – we’ll discuss.

Scholarships – B. Rechkemmer – application is up.

Community Paramedicine/MHC – L. Frederiksen – Meeting on December 19th. Mike Van Newell from Mercy attended. The highlight of the meeting Mercy has identified some trends for readmission to their health system. Looking at Jerry Ewers to remain on this committee. The numbers will help us as a committee. It’s going to be a good model for CP/MHC in our state. Extensive review of the work plan, looking at some tool kits coming soon. Some PowerPoints to offer to help getting this set-up. Possibly evolving into a best practices group. Next meeting is March 15th, 2019. Two Questions added to the EMS Survey that BETS is doing this month. So that we have a better lens on what’s happening now. David Filipp added Mercy they have a curriculum approved, but no one was interested. Mercy has a program approved but needs to be put in place. WIT has one as well, broken



into modules that target what they want to address. They started it in Sioux City. Many of the squads don't have money to send them through the program – there is a certification exam out there you can take to get some great information. Lots of start-up programs are based on readmission numbers. To target reducing those readmissions. This curriculum and course are not charged—and looking at additional credentials—by adding the flexibility to scope of practice so we don't have the endorsements.

Allied Entities:

Iowa Preparedness Advisory Committee – Mark Sachen attended the Service Area Meeting. We need a representative for this committee. Gary Merrill has agreed to take that spot. Mark Sachen will get contact information to Gary about participating on that committee.

Military to Medic Program at Mercy – is getting a lot of out-of-state attention.

Motion to Adjourn at 3:13pm --B. Rechkemmer 1st and 2nd by T. Summitt. All Aye. Motion Carries.

Member's Name	Area of Responsibility	Initials/Proxy
OPEN as of October 2017	North Central Region	OPEN
Merrill, Gary	North Central Region	Present
Sachen, Mark	North Central Region	Present
Gehrke, Amy	Northeast Region	Present
Morgan, Rick	Northeast Region	Absent
Andy Ney	Northeast Region	Present
Jorgensen, John	Northwest Region	Absent – asked for proxy L. Crilly
Crilly, LaDonna	Northwest Region	Present
Foltz, Tracy	Northwest Region	Present
Jana Trede	South Central Region	Present by Proxy – M. McCulloch
Hill, Katy	South Central Region	Present by Proxy – A. Gehrke
McCulloch, Mark	South Central Region	Present
Frederiksen, Linda	Southeast Region	Present
Fults, Matthew	Southeast Region	Absent
Summitt, Tom	Southeast Region	Present
Solt, Sarah	Southwest Region	Present
Wickizer, Jason	Southwest Region	Absent
Seivert, Nella	Southwest Region	Absent
OPEN as of Dec 2017	At Large	OPEN
Ewers, Jerry	At-Large	Present by Proxy – T. Summitt
Smith, Brandon	At-Large/Treasurer	Present by Proxy – B. Rechkemmer
David Filipp	Education	Present
Rechkemmer, Brian	Education	Present
Dr. Christopher Hill	Medical Director	Present
Guest(s): IDPH/BETS— Rebecca Curtiss Lobbyist Present & Eric Goranson--Present		
Arndt, Lisa	Office Manager	Present