

IEMSA Board Meeting
April 16th, 2015 - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
West Des Moines EMS/Fire Station #19
Conference Calling: 857-216-6700, Conference Code 223239

Call To Order – Linda Frederiksen—1:09p

Welcome/Roll Call/Proxies/Determination of Quorum/Conflict of Interest—K.Hill –Roll Call (listed below), Quorum Established.

Approval of Agenda --1st Mary Briones, 2nd Brian Rechkemmer

Medical Director Report –Dr. Joshua Stilley—Submitted written report as follows:

Automatic transport ventilator policy

Discussed at QASP and EMSAC. There will be a position statement published by EMSAC. No state protocols for ventilator management so will need to be guided at the local level. Thoughts on state-level protocols? Linda --Not a lot of changes in State Protocols—biggest question Linda’s hearing—what do you do with a totally un-responsive patient? Brian R. Thinks it’s covered –it says immobilize. But question is, does the protocol completely fall in line with that?

Spinal Immobilization

Some feedback during the meetings on hesitancy from medical directors to change local protocols which was similar to discussion during last IEMSA Board Meeting. Also concern with not receiving notification of updated protocols. Something to look at for the future in how EMSAC/QASP formally communicates updates.

Trauma protocols

Good QASP meeting regarding updating trauma protocols. Big changes include removing “Tourniquet” as a separate scope item and including this with “hemorrhage control”. Will continue to go through process and be updated with protocols update in January. Everyone should have a chance to review and comment prior to finalization.

University of Iowa has instituted the “Trauma Time-Out” from my voice article a few quarters ago.

Seems to be working very well for our traumas here. Thoughts on bringing this larger such as a state-wide standard? I know a lot of places do things similar to this already with good success. This may be something to have at the annual conference as a presentation. Some of our folks have already put together a nice presentation with video included.

I will have a medical student doing research with me this summer.

Working on the paperwork side of it to get access to the state of Iowa data (FYI Rebecca) through the trauma collaborative here at UIHC. Specifically looking at rates of spinal immobilization to see if there is a difference between last year and this year. Not sure if we will see one yet or not, but will give us a baseline.

Approval of Minutes of March 19th, 2015 Meeting –1st Jeff Eastman, 2ndTom Summitt

Treasurer’s Report –B. Smith—

Approval of March 2015 Financials--1st Brian 2nd Mary Briones

- Bank Account Ending Balance as of 3/31/2015--\$302,727.29
- 2015-2014 Decrease in Income—to-date for Billing and Management Conference and the Pediatric Conference. Billing and Management Conference Income is yet to come in with two very large group registrations by PCC and EMS Billing Services. Should pull up even with last year’s income. Pediatric Conference attendance was down this year.
- Expenses—Administrative Expense up due to new software subscriptions that were not budgeted for. There may be a misallocation in the Board meeting Line that should be in the strategic meeting line, Lisa will double check the numbers on that. Credit card fees are on the rise (123%), but again this is a cost of business and we will continue to monitor and try to budget accordingly in the future. Lisa has worked to negotiate a new office rental contract with a slight increase; had a large expense come thru from Pittman because he has not invoiced us for 2 years, we are actively seeking a new accountant and want to have that wrapped up by July 1.
- Brian Rechkemmer questioned some of the increases in the Administrative Expenses and his questions were answered in the above paragraph.

ISICSB Board Report -- R. Dehnert

- Finance – J. Ewers --
- Governance—C. Hopper –Curtis Hopper sat in on a Board Meeting in April.
- Operations-P. Andorf – Linda Frederiksen reported --Paul Andorf called into the meeting in March and was on hold for a full ½ hour –then got a call from Craig Allen that there is no meeting.
- Outreach – Walker Wilson
- Technology—R. Dehnert
- Training and Exercise—M. Hartman

Office Administration – L. Arndt

- Black Shirts—if anyone needs one for the Memorial on the 16th—let me know.
- Bills we had to pay—Payroll, Unty Point, QuickBooks
- Billing Conference – Roughly \$5000 anticipated profit—with 73 attendees to date. 2013 was 28, 2014 was 72 and 2015 is not at 73. Noted this year the conference is on the Western side of the state. Previously we had not held this conference on the western side of the state because of the poor attendance. This one might change that and confirm we need to alternate year to year. LifeQuest exclusive sponsorship is in place again and a generous sponsorship for the hospitality suite from PCC EMS Billing Services at \$1000.

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

- **Trauma ACS Report**—final report is in. Full Day meeting next week with the stakeholders involved in this report to review the final report.
- **ImageTrend**—April 1 new reporting is up and running with very little issues. Did have some non-transport agency issues—they are working on that. Have about 20 representatives that have volunteered for a work group—to work on priorities and strategies.
- **NITSA EMS Assessment** – April 27th-29th--Registration is open—limited to 100 registrants. Linda Frederiksen and others are giving a presentation. If you want to attend Rebecca will send registration link if you want it.

Committee Reports

Executive – Linda Frederiksen

- Accounting – Lisa got two bids – they are high– Linda is trying to get a hold of some accounting resources she has in the Davenport area—but it’s been tax season. Expect to have something soon back from them.

Billing and Management Conference-J. Dumermuth—(Lisa Reported on in her Admin Report)

Conference – K. Hill – Struggling with what to do with hotel rooms. Did an on-site tour to see what we can do. Possibly move EMS Day on the Hill to Quality Inn. More to come—we will keep you posted. 2016 Convention Center Hotel will be open—we’ll see what happens with that. That should help us. Discussion about moving the EMS Day on the Hill to a week earlier—this would mean we would not be with the Community Colleges—but many felt we get pushed to the parameter with them there—as they swoop in on the legislators and we don’t get a chance to talk to them. Of course the full support EMS senators and representatives give us priority—but we need others to get on board with who we are and how important we are to Iowa Communities. If we’re competing for attention—we have a very hard time doing that. Lisa will ask Lynzey find out who would be in there on that Thursday, January 21st. And let us know.

Speakers – J. Dumermuth – Katy Hill reported –

- very close to filling the speakers spots.
- Considering a Fire/Rescue Track—consulted with Brandon Smith—who visited with Randy Novack Fire Service Training Bureau, to discuss offering a pre-conference class or two that would be specific to fire-fighters—Considering --Emergency Vehicle Operator Class, a Certification Class, a National incident management class and a TENS Course (Iowa state patrol puts it on).
- EMS Bureau having problem getting ImageTrend classes filled up. So, we have been discussing holding a fire bridge class to be called, Rescue Bridge where they merge—EMS and Fire. Hurdle is we would need computer lab to do that. We’d have to have everyone bring their own laptop—and us the Event Center Wi-fi. Which done at other locations this way—has been a problem. So, we’ll see how that works out.
- **Also looking at fire topics** 1 track that will have a different theme in each time slot to attract all levels of fire service—thinking we need (4) 1.5 hour time slots for:
 - officer development
 - strategy and tactics
 - fire fighter safety,
 - skills and drills

That would work nicely –Brandon will work on finding instructors to fill the slots.

- By having this we hope to draw some additional fire type manufacturers into the exhibit hall. Brandon spoke with a few of the fire vendors at the state fire school in February and they were very interested in attending the EMS Conference.

Awards – T. Summitt—No Report

Entertainment – B. Buck – No Report

Exhibit Hall – J. Jorgensen – No Report

Honoring Our Own – T. Summitt – No Report

LegislativeUpdate – Lynzey Kenworthy (IEMSA Lobbyist)—

- **Mission Lifeline**—we are told that a Republican in the house is very interested—and wanted to put this in the budget and was told there is no money for it. AHA is going to work on this over the next couple years.
- **Senator Danielson’s EMS Bill of Rights** – A very big undertaking—not sure he understood what it would take—he’s scaled back his timeline—it will be a 2-year process—drafting, meeting with stakeholders etc. for the first year. Lobbyist and IEMSA wish they could help him—but we can’t write bills—so we’ll continue to work with him through a drafter to offer help technically. Things we can do in the short-term. Sustainable funding, volunteer tax credits etc. It just isn’t going to happen right now—it will

help EMS a lot—as we have been rather rag-tag and rushed in the past—and isn't necessarily helping EMS in the long run. By taking more time to do this bill right—we have a better chance of getting our goals accomplished. So although it seems disappointing in the short run—it should be better in the long run.

- **Volunteer Tax Credit**—interpretation last year—and this year. We will not need to fix the language—the revenue department called Linda Frederiksen today and indicated they had misunderstood the language—so this is good news. Means we do not need legislation to fix it. Lynzey will work with revenue department to get this taken care of.
- **Inoperability Communications Board Seat** --we don't have a seat—we now have legislation that is floating through the process to get us a seat on the board. Senator Danielson is looking for a bill that will be able to get an amendment attached and we'll have our seat. This year—it will happen. Next step is to get a body assigned. To get someone in that position. It's a gubernatorial process to get this done. Need to complete a 3-page application for anyone that we want assigned. Then the Governor and the Board will determine who. They have to make sure they have a balance on the board of both male/female and Democrats/Republicans. So we should suggest (1) female, (1) male and then (1) Democrat and (1) Republican. Gov. likes to appoint volunteers and active in the community. Lynzey and Mike will help us identify the people that the Governor will approve. Need to get the applications in the process—if it's approved—we're ready to go. So it gets us ahead of the game.
- **Fireworks Bill**—Lynzey has a hand out for the HF-614 bill. It's a document that talks about property damage, injuries, myths dispelled, and a logo section of those organizations that are against it. Two bills—one in the Senate—chaired by Bill Bolkem. He's indicated he doesn't want it—but he might need us to get some ground support—Lynzey will alert us for a Call to Action email/push if needed. He isn't going to move it—if he has to do anything it will be after the house does their bill. House version will be called up for debate—lots of support for it in the house. But there are 17 Amendments that are designed to kill the bill. EMS is working with Fire on helping governments recover their cost. Group working hard to bog down the bill. Once it's on the debate calendar—Lynzey will send out an action alert. Making sure our legislators know they can't sneak this one through—we're aware of what's on the floor.
- **Mental Health Transports**—went through easily in the House—even with some great amendments—but died in the funnel. Think possibly the hospital group/lobbyist thought it wasn't necessary—because we already have the legislation in another bill. So it died. This never happens when it has so much support in both the House and Senate. Linda Frederiksen thinks it's possible it's beyond the scope of the bill—as it's not about whether you can or can't transport—it's about the reimbursement for doing so. It's cost prohibitive for most services. So it's about the funding of it. Lynzey will get together with the Hospital lobbyist. On-hold until we can figure out
- **E911 Fund** – Linda Frederiksen and Jerry Ewers attended a meeting with this committee with Lynzey Kenworthy- the meeting was so well attended—they needed to move it to a larger room. All agreed it seemed like an airing of grievances more than anything. The RFP is upheld as ok. Looking for alternative streams of funding to offer up to the Governor—so they don't have to take all the local E911 funds.
- **School Funding is holding up everything** – scheduled to adjourn May 1—but it looks like it will be drawn out. Nothing will happen until school funding is finalized.

EMSAC – L. Frederiksen—Dr. Stille reported in his Medical Director Report above.

Membership – Individual – J. Eastman—will be meeting with Lisa Arndt to go over this brochure update on Monday.

Membership – Affiliate – C. Hopper – No report

Membership – Corporate – J. Jorgensen– No report

Membership—Training Programs – M. Briones– No report

Marketing/Web – R. Marsh – Website Template Chosen—and being built out by the Web Design – Lisa Arndt reported in Rob and Jerry's absence—contract ends on June 1, but our Avectra contact is no longer there—and we just got a new one this week. She is going to work with us to get this done—will extend the contract as much as needed, especially given we didn't have a rep for a while. She's an instructor for AVECTRA—she's a great rep to have. Very

EMS Week/Memorial – T. Summitt – Everything is set. Linda Frederiksen will speak at the Memorial, Curtis will do the video.

Leadership Academy – B. Buck -- No report

Voice – M. Briones—2nd Quarter Authors have emails to remind them May 10th – Lisa Arndt advised we need to get all 1st Quarter Conferences finalized and registration open this summer—hopefully registration open with April/June—so that it's already moving before the IEMSA Annual Conference in September –December. Nothing happens outside of Conference through that period. It's too busy –then we are behind the curve on the leadership conference/EMS Day on the Hill, SE Conference and Pediatric Conference.

Rob Dehnert, Karrie Hull, James Sargent and Heather Maier are all regular columnist.

eNews – T. Summitt – No Report

Scholarships – B. Rechkemmer – 7 Scholarships in – will push it out Application to State Education Coordinators – Deadline June 1.

Group Purchasing Agreement – Curtis Hopper/R. Morgan – Meeting today to get that going—all bids submitted in excel format.

Allied Entities:

911 Telecommunications – Rob Dehnert/Paul Andorf – No Report

Advisory Council – Frederiksen/J. Messerole/T. Fleschner -- No Report

Iowa Stroke Task Force – Brian Helland-- No Report

NAEMT – James Sargent-- No Report

State Fire Serv./Emer. Response Council– Reylon Meeks -- No Report

State Med. Exam. Adv. Council - Tom Summitt-- No Report

TSAC – Rosemary Adam-- No Report

Training Programs – Cheryl Blazek-- No Report

SQIMS-Brad Buck, Linda Frederiksen, John Jorgensen., Robert Marsh, Brian Rechkemmer-- No Report

System Standards - Brad Buck-- No Report

IPOST Task Force - Jerry Ewers-- No Report

DMAT Advisory Group – Rod Robinson-- No Report

Training and Exercise—Mike Hartman, Muscatine Fire-- No Report

Community Paramedicine Mobile Integrated Healthcare—Linda Frederiksen – 29th of April – meeting at the Learning Resource Center in WDM – 3550 Mills Civic Parkway. Stakeholders meeting – 67 people –Jason Andrews is a co-chair with Linda Frederiksen. Need to get it down to core a steering committee. Meetings are too big—and we’re not getting a lot done. So we need to get Lynzey involved and start working on some legislation—so we can get this moving.

Old Business-- None

New Business

- **EMS Cruise**—sponsored by WS EMS Association – we did it a long time ago—March 12-19, 2016. 39 cabins and 77 people last time they did this. A lot of fun—a lot of work. Type in emscruise.com if you’re interested. Need to check on the “kick back incentive” for IEMSA. Tom is Chairing – Carnival –just refurbished last year. Very reasonable prices. Leaves out of Port Canavral—7-day cruise.
- **Summitt Conference in May** – Linda is going –there is a Community Paramedicine full day session she will attend.
- **EMS Day on the Hill (NAEMT) in D.C.**—Mark Sachen is attending and will report back on Community Paramedicine pre-conference at this event in D.C.

Adjourn: 1st Brian Rechkemmer, 2nd Brandon Smith – 3:08pm

Next Meeting June 18th, 1-3pm – WDM Fire Station #19

Member’s Name	Area of Responsibility	Initials/Proxy
Eastman, Jeff	North Central Region	Call In--Present
Johnson, Dave	North Central Region	ABSENT-M Sachen Proxy
Sachen, Mark	North Central Region	Present
Hopper, Curtis	Northeast Region	Present
Morgan, Rick	Northeast Region	Present
Ridge, Lee	Northeast Region	Absent
Jorgensen, John	Northwest Region	Absent
Crilly, LaDonna	Northwest Region	Present – Call In
OPEN SEAT	Northwest Region	
Dumermuth, Jeff	South Central Region	Absent
Hill, Katy	South Central Region	Present
McCulloch, Mark	South Central Region	Late—Katy Hill Proxy
Frederiksen, Linda	Southeast Region	Present
Libby, Bob	Southeast Region	Absent
Summitt, Tom	Southeast Region	Present
Fuehing, Cherri	Southwest Region	Absent –M Briones Proxy
Marsh, Rob	Southwest Region	ABSENT- T Summitt Proxy
Seivert, Nella	Southwest Region	ABSENT
Buck, Brad	At Large	Absent – Linda Frederiksen Proxy
Ewers, Jerry	At-Large	Brandon Smith Proxy
Smith, Brandon	At-Large	Present – Call In
Briones, Mary	Education	Present
Rechkemmer, Brian	Education	Present
Stilley, Josh	Medical Director	ABSENT—Written Report
Guest(s): Rebecca Curtiss-IDPH-Call in--present, Lynzey Kenworthy-IEMSA Lobbyist--Present		
Arndt, Lisa	Office Manager	Present