

**Interior Region EMS Council, Inc.
Membership Meeting
April 4, 2014**

ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT:

Ft. Knox Ambulance Service	Eagle EMS
University of Alaska FD	Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
Two Rivers	TCC
Tok EMS	Salcha Rescue
Tri Valley VFD	Steese VFD
Northway VFD	FNSB
Galena EMS	Siana
Private Wildlife Guide	

GUESTS PRESENT:

Carin Marter – DHSS EMS Unit Mark Miller – DHSS EMS Unit
Sue Hecks – Southern Region EMS Council
Norman Turner – Wildlife Guide

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeannette Hansen - Urban
Rusty Lasell – Rural Highway
Sylvia Pitka – Rural Highway
Cecelia Grant - Rural Non-Highway
Crystal Stordahl - TCC
Yvonne Howard – Rural Non-Highway
Scott Learned – Urban
Clint Brooks, FMH

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Tansky, MD
Brad Paulson - FNSB
Jack Willard – Urban
Myra Thumma, Rural Non-Highway
Danita Koehler, Rural Highway

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Johnson, Executive Director	Linda Callender, Senior Admin. Asst.
Wilma Vinton, Accountant	Courtney White, Admin. Asst. Training
Dave Rockney, Training Coord.	Tom Dean, Tok Area Sub-Coord.
Jenny Brown, Admin. Asst. Resources	

ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER:

Introductions:

Crystal Stordahl, Vice Chairman, brought the meeting to order at 4:55PM. She explained that a drawing for a \$300 Alaska Airline Gift Certificate will be held at the end of the Membership Meeting.

Crystal gave a brief description of her background and called for introductions and members comments.

Member Comments:

Members introduced themselves what community or organization they were from. (available on tape).

Member Designation:

Crystal asked that attending agencies declare themselves and their voting members. The following was determined.

Ft. Knox Ambulance - voting member Josh Fedelem
University of Alaska FD - voting member Nolan Mcleod
Two Rivers - voting member Marvin Root
Tok EMS - voting member Matt Dean
Salcha Rescue - voting member Jeannette Hansen
Tri Valley VFD - voting member Rusty Lasell
Northway VFD - voting member Silva Pitka
Galena EMS - voting member Cecelia Grant
Eagle EMS - voting member Yvonne Howard
FMH - voting member Clint Brooks
Steese VFD - voting member Scott Learned
FNSB - voting member Brad Paulson
TCC - voting member Chrystal Stordahl
Slana - voting member Tiffany Williams

Approval of Agenda Minutes of April 5, 2013:

Crystal called for approval of the agenda with the deletion of the bank signature card item.

Motion made by Jeannette and seconded by Sylvia to approve the agenda with the change mentioned above. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Crystal called for approval of the minutes of April 5, 2013.

Motion made by Jeannette and seconded by Sylvia to approve the minutes of April 5, 2013 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Dan gave brief orientation of IREMSC, its governance and funding and explained how the membership meeting and elections are held. He mentioned that copies of our Strategic Plan and our FY13 Audit are available in our office for anyone that is interested.

Training Report:

Training Coordinator Dave Rockney presented the attached Training report. He explained the attached chart of training numbers of the last 5 years. Dave mentioned that he has two new employees in the Training Department: Courtney White, Administrative Assistant-Training and Jenny Brown, Administrative Assistant - Resources. Dave mentioned that along with our web page, Courtney has developed a Facebook Page for communicating IREMSC activities.

Tok Sub-Region Report:

Tok Sub-Region Coordinator Tom Dean presented the attached Tok Sub-Region report. Tom said that an average run for their agency is 12 hours from initial notification, through transport to Fairbanks and return. He mentioned that it is hard to get volunteers willing to give up that much of their time. He said that they are preparing for the upcoming Arctic Man event.

Aurora Data System Report:

Accountant and IT Coordinator Wilma Vinton gave the attached Aurora Data System Report. She explained what Aurora is and how it works. Inputting data into AURORA is now required for state certification of ambulance services and services that wish to be approved for advanced skills outside of their normal certifications.

She explained that she is the person to contact for troubleshooting of the program. She also reported that there are some major changes coming up in the next year. The database platform that Aurora is currently operating under will change in order to adapt to the national NEMSIS 3 standard. Alaska EMS services use of the new platform will be phased in over the next year, with the deadline date being sometime next year.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Dan Johnson presented the attached Executive Director Report.

Building improvements: Dan explained that there has been some renovations to our classroom and overall office lighting. There are new

commercial grade, more efficient and ergonomic chairs and tables in the classroom. We also upgraded all office lighting to energy efficient and brighter LEDs and added new fixtures where additional lighting was needed. Approximately half of the funding for these projects was provided by a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation with the rest coming from our capital reserve fund which has been established for this and similar purposes.

State EMS Unit Staffing update: Dan introduced Mark Miller, State EMS Unit Manager. Mark gave a brief description on how he came into this position and explained the functions of his staff.

State funding increase: Dan explained that we recently received a significant increase in statewide funding for EMS support. Since we were unable to receive funding increases for several years through the departmental and governor's budgetary process, all seven EMS regions cooperated to develop the funding through an budgetary add-on by the legislature. Senator Coghill and his staff were primary movers, but the entire Interior Delegation and legislators from other regions were instrumental in making this happen. Dan suggested that if given the opportunity, everyone should take the time to thank their own senators and representatives.

The new funding will be used to make up for years of funding erosion due to inflation, increase mini grant funding and to help organize and establish new EMS agencies in Interior Region.

Code Blue Funding: Dan reported that in the 14 years since its inception, the Code Blue program has impacted 38 Interior communities and has brought \$3.5 million into our region. He also commented on the continued Code Blue funding program with funding from the USDA and State and the positive effect it has had on Interior Region agencies.

Strategic Plan: It was finalized in February of 2012 and we have recently evaluated two year goals and objectives. We have met most objectives and are very close to the rest. It is available on our web site and hard copies in our office.

Financial Report:

Dan and Wilma explained the attached financial report. We received another clean Audit for FY13.

National Highway Traffic Visit to Alaska:

A trip to Alaska was made by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (May 13-15). The opportunity to testify to them regarding

issues in Alaska presented a valuable opportunity to convey Alaska's unique issues.

Business:

Crystal called for Board of Directors' Nominations. She described the current status of the seats up for election this year:

Rural Highway expires 2017. Current Board Member Dr. Danita Koehler plans to run again.

Motion made by Jeannette and seconded by Sylvia to accept Danita Koehler in the Rural Highway Position that expires 2017. Motion was accepted unanimously.

Rural Non-Highway expires 2017. Current Board Member Cecelia Grant plans to run again.

Motion was made by Rusty and seconded by Jeannette to accept Cecelia Grant for the Rural Non-Highway Position that expires in 2017. Motion was accepted unanimously.

Urban expires in 2017. Current Board Member Scott Learned plans to run again.

Jeannette made a motion which was seconded by Josh to accept Scott for the Urban position that expires in 2017. Motion was accepted unanimously.

Rural Non-Highway expires in 2015. Current Board Member Yvonne Howard is retiring before the end of her term.

Nominations were called for the Non-Rural Highway position opened due to Yvonne Howard's retirement.

Yvonne nominated Pamela Jackson from Eagle and it was seconded by Sylvia Pitka. Motion was accepted unanimously.

Crystal nominated Debbie McCarty from Ft. Yukon and it was seconded by Rusty Lasell. Motion was accepted unanimously.

A secret ballot vote was held and Pamela Jackson won the Rural Non-Highway seat that expires in 2015.

The drawing was held for the Alaska Airline Prize and Josh Fedelem from Ft. Knox Ambulance Service won.

Jeannette Hanson made a motion which was seconded by Sylvia to adjourn.

Membership Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM