



**BREMS Board of Director's Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020; 4:00 pm  
Conference Call- Grant Review**

In attendance:

Janet Blankenship  
R. Bruce Stratton  
Robert Lipscomb  
Samuel A. Bryant  
Michelle Turner  
Jason Ferguson  
MK Allen  
Wendy Wilcoxson, MD  
Susan Walton  
Tim McConville  
Holly Hogan  
John Boon

Members Absent:

Peter O'Brien, MD  
Leonard Cohen, MD  
Jeff Tanner

President Janet Blankenship called the conference call to order at 4:02 pm. Mary Kathryn did roll call.

Michelle Turner, seconded by Bruce Stratton, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 26, 2020. Minutes were approved unanimously with the changes.

Mary Kathryn does not have a Treasurer's Report from Ann. She will ask Ann to prepare a report from the entire third quarter (Jan. 1 – March 31<sup>st</sup>) and send to them next week.

President Janet Blankenship gave the *Chair Report*

- Janet updated the Board on COVID-19 EMS leadership conference calls.

- BREMS has received 2 PPE distributions from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and we are awaiting one more from the OEMS.
- Janet gave the Board an update on the Program Manager position for BREMS. She stated once interviews were completed (Interview committee consisted of Janet Blankenship, Robert Lipscomb, Jeff Tanner, Scott Winston, and Hannah Lyons-OEMS HR). She stated as the field was narrowed down Jeff Tanner had a conflict of interest and was excluded from the interviews. She explained the rest of the interview process. OEMS had to seek special approval for the positions already in process. Once the position was approved they offered the position to Mary Kathryn on Friday. She has officially accepted the Program Manager position.

#### Executive Director's Report

- Mary Kathryn stated we have been working on updating the webpage and the BREMS app with all the COVID-19 related items. The webpage has been down for months prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and BREMS has worked hard to get it back up and running.
- BREMS has been attending weekly public safety conference calls with EMS leadership in BREMS, OEMS and VDH.
- BREMS has received 2 PPE distributions from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and we are awaiting one more from the OEMS.
- Susan Walton has worked hard on research for PPE. Jennifer Collins with LFD is now working with Susan and they are going to produce an information packet of resources and PPE consideration for all agency types.
- BREMS has been working with other Council leaderships on COVID-19 information.
- Dr. Wilcoxson has done multiple information emails and they have been sent out. She has done a great job and we have received kudos from many agencies on the information she has sent out and what a great job she is doing.
- BREMS staff is still teleworking. MK and Ann go in the office a few times a week for a few hours at a time to take care of mail, budget, and daily operational procedures.
- Dr. Kayla Long has been instrumental in working with Centra and we are close to having an agreement with Centra to accept PPCRs through hospital hub.
- BREMS has been told the decon site at LGH seems to be working well. It was opened last Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- MK mentioned the deadline is May 7<sup>th</sup> for the regional award nominations. It may be extended until May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are not sure we will be able to have the regional award banquet in June, but we do need to have nominees to send to the OEMS in July for the Governor's Award's program in November.

#### Update from Regional OMD

- Dr. Wilcoxson gave the board an update on COVID-19 and all that BREMS, EMS leadership and Centra have been working on. She feels the BREMS EMS region has been in a much better position than the hospital system.

- She stated she was impressed with providers and the way they have handled all she has asked of them.
- Dr. Wilcoxson wants to see some things start again and she feels the APP ultrasound project needs to start going again. It has been postponed from March. She and Sean are working on the draft protocol Sean developed last year and will be sending it out soon. She is working on web-based ideas for the ultrasound training and is very excited to get this program moving forward.
- She would like to hold a couple Zoom Town Hall meetings to check-in with agencies/providers and see how they are doing. She will work with MK on this.
- Dr. Wilcoxson is very excited about the work Dr. Long has had on the electronic PPCRs for the BREMS region with Centra. Looking forward to see how this works out.

#### New Business- RSAF Grant Review

- Amherst Co Public Safety- Sam Bryant spoke for the grant
  - Panasonic Toughbook Laptop (10) 80/20; Stryker Power Pro XT Stretcher (1) 50/50
  - Sam Bryant stated ACDPS is asking for 10 tough books and the Stryker pro cot will go in the Amherst Life Saving Crew's first due truck. The county staff uses their units as needed as well.
  - MK stated they are on one grant under Public Safety and Sam stated to speak to Linwood Pulling, he thought ALSC put in a grant.
- Campbell County Public Safety- Michelle Turner spoke for the grant
  - Stryker Power Load System (2) 50/50; Zoll X Series Monitor (1) 50/50
  - CCPS currently does not have any power load systems. CCPS has had an increase in back injuries lately. These power load stretchers will go in the two new ambulances currently on order.
  - CCPS is placing a Lt. vehicle in service. The combination of the purchase of this monitor and placing this vehicle in service will allow CCPS to have a zoll monitor on all ambulances and first responding areas. Their service area is large.
- Campbell County Rescue Squad- no one available to speak on behalf of this agency
  - Stryker Power Load System (2) 50/50
  - There were questions regarding the number of calls responded to unable to respond too and whether the power loads would be used by career staff as well if the call volume is low.
- Huddleston Life Saving & First Aid Crew – Holly Hogan spoke on behalf of the grant
  - Lucas 3 chest compression sys (2) 50/50; Stryker Power Pro XT cot (1) 50/50; 2020 Ram 5500 4X4 (1) 50/50
  - Discussion on how many calls and location of building because of the size of the service area. They have four (4) stations and have decreased their fleet from seven (7) ambulances to four (4) over the last few years- one in each station. Medic 7-1 was recently taken out of service for transmission problems. Medic 1 has also already been sold.

- Holly stated they have 2 Lucas devices and the addition of the other two will allow providers to take any unit and respond within the large service area with the appropriate needed equipment.
- Lynchburg Fire Department- Robert Lipscomb spoke on behalf of the grant.
  - Gaumard Adult Simulator (1) 80/20; Lucas 3 Chest Compression Sys (4) 80/20.
  - The simulator will be housed at the Centra simulation center. This will allow LFD to use the facility at any time for free and save money to the agency. LFD will still have ownership of the simulator but Centra will replace any parts worn. This will open a window up for the region and EMS agencies as well. The APP group will be able to use this device as well with no cost to the providers and/or program.
  - The Lucas 3 devices will replace 4 devices currently 10 years old and have reached their functional life capacity.

Comments from Board members

- Janet stated Jeff Tanner is having unexpected back surgery on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.
- No other board members had question or comments.

Michelle Tuner, seconded by Bruce Stratton, made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Approved unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Mary Kathryn Allen