



**BREMS Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021; 6:00 pm
Centra Sim Center & Virtual**

In Attendance

Mary Kathryn Allen
Tim McConville
Wendy Wilcoxson
R. B. Stratton
Michelle Turner
Samuel A. Bryant, IV
Robert Lipscomb
Janet Blankenship

BREMS
Industry
Regional OMD
Community
Campbell Co.
Amherst Co.
LFD
Bedford Co.

Present via Conference Call:

Susan Walton

Appomattox Co.

Board Members Absent:

Leonard Cohen, MD (Excused)
Holly Hogan (Excused)
John Boon (Excused)
Jason Ferguson (Excused)
Peter O'Brien (Unexcused)
Jeff Tanner (Excused)

President Janet Blankenship called the in person/virtual meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Blankenship welcomed everyone and the meeting was set up with social distancing procedures followed and everyone was wearing a mask.

The meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Robert Lipscomb, seconded by R. B. Stratton, to approval the March 2021 meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Janet Blankenship presented the quarterly Treasurer's Report and asked the Regional Director to review the with the Board. No questions were asked. Will approve the

quarterly Treasurer's Report during our next quarterly meeting in June.

President Janet Blankenship gave the Chair Report

Chair Blankenship stated thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to saturating the population in our region with the vaccine. Chair Blankenship stated the Regional Director's report would offer more information on the transition and any updates.

Regional Director's Report

- Mary Kathryn discussed the transition between BREMS and OEMS. Updated the BOD on the real estate RFP. Discussion among Board members were centered around the following:
 - Waiting to hear from Joe Archambeault with Centra on the building located at 2015 Memorial Avenue. Board members like this building location. Mary Kathryn stated the discussion with Adam Harrell stated BREMS would need to put out a new RFP (which means the other offers from the first RFP would no longer be available options) and Centra would have to respond to the RFP with their interest and Centra would be responsible for the building renovations.
 - The group discussed any options Liberty may have, and Dr. Wilcoxson is waiting to hear back and will update when she has more information.
 - The Board decided to wait to hear from Centra before asking for the RFP to go back out again.
 - Mary Kathryn updated Board on the approval of the additional FTE positions within OEMS and she will update the Board as she receives additional information.
- Mary Kathryn is still attending the bi-weekly virtual manager's meeting with OEMS staff. There are still weekly and bi-weekly meetings being attended at the local, regional, and state levels. BREMS has attended normal monthly meetings as well- most are being done virtually.
- The Performance Improvement Specialist, Jenn Kersey, has been working diligently on CQI protocols and benchmarks. April 27th will be the next CQI meeting and we feel we are ready to get back to working on more "normal" activities.
- Regional Awards ceremony is June 17th. We are holding the banquet at City View by the James. We are holding the number at 100 guest, to include Board members, nominees and their families, OEMS representative, and BREMS staff. We will look at increasing the number if needed. BREMS has reached out to Colt Freeman to see if he is interested in helping us make the ceremony virtual for those unable to attend.
- Mary Kathryn reminded the Board on the ESO conference call on Wednesday, April 14th; 1pm. The conference call is with ESO, BREMS EMS Leadership, Centra, Trauma, STEMI, Stroke, and OEMS. The Regional Director stated she will follow up again to see if Dr. Long has received any information on electronic PPCR discussions.

- The Regional Director gave an update from the Performance Improvement Specialist and the Training Coordinator on their projects.

Update from Regional OMD

Dr. Wilcoxson was on the conference with the State OMDs and provided an update to the Board members. Dr. Wilcoxson is also very busy supporting and managing the regional Central Virginia Vaccination Task Force efforts. She has worked countless hours to support all the localities at this time. Dr. Wilcoxson spoke on the idea of using whole blood in this region. She and Sean are working on the ultrasound program and AP training and protocols. She is interested in doing future field trips with providers to other areas of the state.

New Business

Grant Review

- Campbell County Public Safety- Michelle Turner spoke on behalf of the agency.
 - Stryker Power Load System (50/50)
 - Zoll X Series Monitor (50/50)
 - No questions were asked regarding the grant.
- Lynchburg Fire Department- Robert Lipscomb spoke on behalf of the agency.
 - CAPS Air Purifier Devices (50/50)
 - No questions were asked regarding this grant.
- Amherst County Department of Public Safety- Samuel A. Bryant IV spoke on behalf of the agency.
 - 2021 PL Custom Ambulance (50/50)
 - Questioned asked about their fleet. This ambulance is a replacement of one of their other units. From 3 to 4 units and this one will be housed at Station 3 in Elon. Amherst is currently running 4,600-5,000 calls per year. Of their 6 vehicles, 4 of them have over 150K miles.
- Concord Volunteer Rescue Squad- R. B. Stratton spoke on behalf of the agency.
 - Power Load (50/50)
 - Temperature Control Drug Box (50/50)
 - No questions were asked of this grant.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8th, 6:00 pm for the BREMS 4th quarter meeting.

Motion made by Robert Lipscomb, seconded by Samuel A Bryant, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously at 7:45 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Mary Kathryn Allen