

NORTEX REGIONAL EMS PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Jeff Miller.

See attached the attendance list for those present.

Minutes of the April 4, 2013, meeting were not available for review.

Reports:

- The Financial Report was presented by Foster Simmons as follows:
 - \$1275.00 in annual dues has been collected.
 - Checking Account balance was \$529.13.
 - Savings Account balance was \$ 43,343.27.
 - No bills were submitted for payment.

On a motion by Bill Socora and seconded by Kelly Hudson Financial Report was approved unanimously.

- The RAC Report was presented by Melissa Whitelaw as follows:
 - The Local Project Grant application has been submitted in the amount of \$72,188.
 - A desk audit of the RAC's web site was requested by the Department of State Health Services. As a result of the audit, some revisions will be made to the web site. Members were encouraged to submit ideas for improving the web site to Melissa.
 - Receipts are due for the pass through money. Send the receipts to Melissa. Receipts can be for fuel, payroll, etc.
- The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) report was given by Ryan Matthews as follows:
 - DSHS has waited to address changes to rule 157 pending closing of the legislative session.
 - As a result of the most recent legislative session, there will be a moratorium on any new provider licenses from September, 2013, through August, 2014. This moratorium is due to implementation of anticipated changes in license requirements coming out of the legislative session.
 - Ryan encouraged members of the association to log onto the NTRAC website and update the information of members' service.
- There was no Department of State Health Services report.
- TETAF has encouraged members to participate in the monthly Continuing Education offerings. Upcoming topics are as follows:
 - July--EMS Errors
 - August--Hospital Destinations
 - September--Texas Medical Board new requirements for EMS Medical Directors

Old Business:

- Foster Simmons read a "thank you" note from Vernon Regional College acknowledging and thanking the association for donations to Vernon Regional College for the establishment of the Al Garcia EMS Scholarship fund.

New Business:

- Jim Gullage brought forth a request from the Northwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America for first aid kits that could be distributed to Cub Scouts and Webelos during the Cub and Webelos Camp that will be held at Camp Perkins this summer. The theme of the camp, this year, is "Be Prepared". A donation of \$375 would be the anticipated number of first aid kits that would be needed this summer. On a motion from Foster Simmons and seconded by Ryan Matthews, the association approved the donation in the amount of \$375 by a unanimous vote.
- Representatives from the Providers Association to the Executive Board for FY 2013 were discussed. On a motion by Kelley Hudson and seconded by Bruce Sutton, the following appointments were made by a unanimous vote.
 - Paid EMS Provider representative--Kenny Hoffman
 - Volunteer EMS Provider representative--Foster Simmons
 - Volunteer First Responder representative--Roy Koetter

Open Forum/Announcements:

- Ryan Matthews discussed a new procedure for humeral head insertion of the E-Z IO needle. The new procedure is reported to be less painful. There is a video available from Ryan which explains the procedure in more detail. The yellow IO needles are available and would be the needles used for humeral head insertion. Physician level training is also available for this procedure as well. Ryan also reported the E-Z stabilizers are not available from the RAC. Contact Ryan in you need stabilizers. Ryan also suggested consideration for a 2-day annual skills fair to be conducted sometime in the fall
- Kelly Hudson questioned the group as to whether any organization or Medical Director had protocols/procedures for clearing C-Spine by EMS personnel.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bruce Sutton and seconded by M. W. Stripling to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Beimer, Secretary

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Attendance Sheet

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NAME	ORGANIZATION
Jeff Miller	Jacksboro-Faith Community Hospital EMS
Bill Sokora	Archer City Ambulance
Bruce Sutton	Olney EMS
Foster Simmons	P.K. Westlake Vol. EMS
M.W. Stripling	Seymour EMS
Kenny Hoffman	AMR
Mike McCarty	Kamay VFD/ Cryovac
Kelley Hudson	Graham EMS
Wes Edwards	Nacona EMS
Len Nauman	Burkburnett VFD
Melissa Whitelaw	NTRAC
Jason Piecek	AirEvac
Mike Beimer	Hardeman County EMS
Kelly Shaughnessy	AirEvac
Ryan Matthews	Trans Star Ambulance
Pete Wolf	AirEvac/Windthorst VFD
Roy Koetter	Windthorst VFD