

NORTEX REGIONAL EMS PROVIDER'S ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
April 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:07p.m. by MW Stripling

Minutes of the February 2016, meeting were tabled.

Reports:

- The Financial Report was presented by Foster Simmons with a checking account balance of \$42,424.55. The bank was showing a balance of \$43,524.53. He is working with the bank to reconcile the difference. On a motion by Bruce Sutton and seconded by Jeff Miller, the Financial Report on a unanimous vote of those present.
- DSHS-Jerry Bradshaw reported:
Changes in the DSHS North Group Management have taken place. Starting January, recerts will have to take a rules exam online with an additional cost of \$35. Although, the state certifies all course applications even assigning a course approval number; it will have to be approved locally in order to proceed. Vernon College has an interim coordinator, Doug Page, and program director, Jacky Betts. The college is advertising for a full time replacement to fill this position. July is the due date for the region's EMS provider licenses.
- NTRAC- Melissa Whitelaw reported:
It is important to meet the RAC's attendance requirements for the DSHS pass through funding. The eligibility report is due September 15 for next year's contract. Suggestions for changes to the RAC's Bylaws should be submitted to the Bylaws committee. Suggestions could include any changes to the participation requirements. There was funding concern for the EZ-IO project. Usage records were reviewed with a projected usage for this year. It was expected that there could be a shortfall in the funding to meet the need of the regional usage. Practices and usage suggestions were made; including exchanging needles with higher volume users when 6 months of their expiration date.

Old Business:

Ryan Matthews reported: Chapter 157 of the Texas Admin Code has been sent to the board of health. It now has a 30 day public comment period before the changes are approved. Medicaid enrollment has been extended to September. There have been 3 extensions thus far. The Administrator of Record has an 8 hour per year CE requirement. There is no list of approved CE to meet this requirement.

New Business:

None

Open Discussion:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kelly Hudson and seconded by Bill Sokora to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sokora

**NORTEX REGIONAL EMS PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION
ATTENDANCE SHEET
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NAME	ORGANIZATION
Foster Simmons	PK Westlake
Jerry Bradshaw	DSHS
Joel Moore	Bowie Fire
Roger Ritchie	Air Evac
Bill Sokora	Archer City Ambulance
Brian Deason	Air Evac
Len Nauman	Burkburnett Fire Dept
Pete Wolf	Air Evac
John Perez	Electra EMS
Kenny Hoffman	AMR
Kelly Hudson	Graham/ Young County EMS
MW Stripling	Seymour/Baylor Co. EMS
Jeff Miller	Faith Community Hospital
Bruce Sutton	Olney EMS
Mike Hall	CCMH EMS
Ryan Matthews	Trans Star Ambulance