



*NORTEX Regional EMS Providers Association
United Regional – Wichita Rooms 2-4 (2d Floor)
4 August 2022*

Meeting Minutes

1. The Pre-Hospital Providers meeting was called to order at 1614, 4 August 2022 at United Regional, Hardeman Room.
2. The minutes from the June 2022 meeting were approved without changes.
3. The ending balance for the Providers account is \$41,711.28. An additional \$2,053.35 was expended on the trailer purchase. Ms. Whitelaw indicated she will send out the Providers dues invoice and it's located on the webpage. Mr. Stripling indicated he needed to check if the Providers taxes are filed.
4. Reports
 - a. DSHS – No Report
 - b. NTRAC – Ms. Whitelaw stated she still has pass thru checks for 3 Rivers and Archer ambulance. The State has changed the date for the pass thru information back to October 15. She asked if the members would like to receive pass thru funding in advance and then provide the receipts as required. She needs to check with the NTRAC Executive Committee, and she might be able to start in October of 2022. She discussed the recruiting and retention funding. We have been allocated \$553K for recruiting of new EMS providers. Funding for scholarships is \$337, 613. Scholarship are based on each level of EMS. If each student would go from EMT to Paramedic, the recruiting funds would pay for approximately 25 students. A question was raised if the recruiting bonus was retroactive. Ms. Whitelaw will ask. She noted that \$108K has been added for administrative costs. Ms. Whitelaw recommended we hire two individuals to manage the recruitment program. There is also \$81,000 in incentives and \$27,000 for equipment. Mr. Hoffman discussed two upcoming training classes sponsored by MSU and AMR. The first class offered is Emotional Trauma Life Support on 28-29 September at MSU, Sikes Lake Center. The second class is Grieve Support and Death Notifications on November 16-17. The classes are open and should accommodate 50 students.
 - c. GETAC – No Report
 - d. TETAF – No Report
 - e. EMTF – No Report



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5. Old Business –
 - a. Mr. Comer discussed implementation of the eBridge program. The program is fully functional in Hardeman County. He is still working with the ED's in to implement the program. Mr. Comer is also working with services to make sure EMS directors have the application on their phones for notifications.
 - b. Mr. Hoffman noted the equipment for the EVE class has been received and he will teach a pilot class of AMR personnel and then start scheduling classes for EMS services and first responders.

6. New Business – None

7. Open Forum –
 - a. Mr. Wolf noted that Archer EMS was in dire need of EMS providers. They are looking for EMS providers that are available to work part-time. The shifts are flexible. POC is Mr. George Hoffman at 940-574-4570.
 - b. Ms Whitelaw noted she has been hired full time at the Post Office. She is check email before work, during her breaks and after 1500. There should be minimal impact on her availability.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1706. The next meeting will be on 6 September 2022 at 1600.

L.E. NAUMAN
Secretary