



BOD Meeting Minutes
BREMS Office
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
6:00pm

Attendees: Tim McConville, Mary Kathryn Allen, Lori Meadows, Janet Blankenship, , Michele Turner, Len Cohen, Bruce Stratton, Brad Beam, Robert Lipscomb, Lisa Aiken, Danny Williams (virtual), Sara McConville (virtual), Kayla Long (virtual) and Susan Walton (virtual)

Absentees: Jason Ferguson, Jeff Tanner

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Janet Blankenship

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the (December 2023) meeting by Lisa Aiken and seconded by Bruce Stratton. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried. Minutes were approved.

The financial report was explained and presented to the board for approval. A motion was made to approve the Quarterly Financial Report by Bruce Stratton and seconded by Dr. Cohen. All were in favor and the financial report was approved.

CHAIR REPORT

Janet Blankenship talked about the two meetings with Fitch and Associates who have been contracted by OEMS to recommend restructure possibilities for EMS in Virginia.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Revenue for Nonprofit: BREMS is looking to bring more revenue by AHA and/or locality offsets. Bruce Stratton suggested we partner with schools for CPR and AED. Beam suggested that we not fund by locality due to the current reputation of OEMS at the state level. Fundraising possibilities include a possible 5K. Danny Williams commented he would like to see AHA come to BREMS.

Training Update: The following trainings have been scheduled for the upcoming months.

<u>*March 14, 2024</u>	<u>Obstetrics</u> with Heather Markey, A.A.S., NRP
<u>*April 9, 2024</u>	<u>New Horizons in Ischemic Stroke</u> with John Gaughen, Jr., MD
<u>*May 7, 2024</u>	<u>All You Need to Know About Hospice – for EMS</u> with April Branham DNP, FNP-C, RN-BC and Barbara Williams, DNP, FNP-C of Centra Hospice and Palliative Care
<u>May 21, 2024</u>	<u>Tactical Resiliency Workshop</u> with Kristen Sharrett@ Bedford Co. Fire and Rescue
<u>*June 6, 2024</u>	<u>Airway Management</u> with Chris Adams
<u>*June 13 2024</u>	<u>Prehospital Burn Mgmt.</u> with Liz Shelley, BSN, RN Evans-Haynes Burn Center @ VCU

Other trainings confirmed, but not yet scheduled include: Trach Care with Sean Regan, Financial Literacy/Wellness with Alisha Childress of Freedom First Credit Union, Autism, Dementia and Opioid Addiction Disorder with providers from Centra Psychiatric/Behavioral Health.

Training Equipment: A checkout procedure has been developed which will allow educators to access some of our new training equipment. The procedure includes a short video that demonstrates the proper use and care of the equipment. The items available include two video laryngoscopes, two HAL airway manikins, and two Butterfly ultrasounds.

Protocols Update: Coming along and pulling articles to support some of the changes that have been presented. Guidance for dosing of meds. Biggest focus is to use the PI Committee to communicate clinical markers with Heart, Stroke and Trauma at Centra.

MCI plan for live drill: Will work with Chris Chambers at LU. The cost to contract Olson Group to do a full-scale exercise is \$65,000.

CISM: The Peer Support Team is active, and we have held several debriefs. There are opportunities to do more workshops around the region and the next workshop is scheduled May 21, 2024, at Bedford County Fire and Rescue.

Recruitment Video and Marketing: The regional videos were shown. There was discussion regarding changes that needed to be made to regional and individual locality

videos. BREMS requested funds to run locality videos during EMS week May 19-25, 2024. No OEMS reimbursement may be sought for this purchase. A motion was made to approve an expenditure of up to \$10,000 on advertising by Michelle Turner. Bruce Stratton seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Vehicles and Trailers: The BREMS truck is currently leased by the state. The state's plan is to take it back and provide BREMS with a Malibu. The simulation and storage trailer will be sold if anyone is interested in purchasing them. There was no interest from the council to purchase the trailers since BREMS would have no way to haul it.

Medical Supply Procurement Agreement: A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13th with Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) to discuss special pricing for drugs and supplies once the agencies secure their own CSR. We will also discuss setting up a regional meeting to include all stakeholders so you may ask any questions which apply to your localities.

Triage Tags: There was discussion whether the localities would print their own triage tags or if this would be a regional effort. Brad Beam motioned for BREMS to have uniform triage tag. Danny Williams seconded it. All were in favor and the motion carried.

EMS Week: Discussion occurred of what BREMS would do for EMS Week. It was suggested that we have food at the EMS Rooms at area hospitals. Several board members wanted to help serve the providers. No reimbursement can be sought for this purchase. Lisa Aiken moved to spend up to \$7,000 for food at EMS rooms and outlying localities. Tim McConville seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Website: Discussion of our current website and its current ineffectiveness was had. The proposal from First Arriving for the website was presented. A motion was made by Robert Lipscomb to contract First Arriving to design a new website and allow the annual hosting through BREMS with no state reimbursement. Michele Turner seconded it. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

CISM Promotional Items: Items such as magnets and business cards are needed to promote the Peer Support Team and its resources. No reimbursement from OEMS would be sought for this purchase. Tim McConville motioned to approve this expenditure up to \$1000. Brad Beam seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sigma 7 Airway Manikin: BREMS staff recently watched a demonstration of the burn manikin and would be interested in purchasing it. Lisa Aiken indicated that her manikins tear very easily and the repairs are difficult and the manikin is unsightly. A

decision was made to forgo this purchase at this time.

Regional Blood Program: Someone would need to be at council to exchange the blood. Beam wants to move towards blood. Ask blood company to meet with the BREMS BOD to discuss the program. Robert Lipscomb made a motion for BREMS and agency reps to pursue blood program information and report back at the June meeting. Bruce Stratton seconded it. The vote was unanimously approved.

RSAF Grant Meeting: The April meeting is cancelled due to now RSAF grant availability for Spring 2024.

BREMS By-laws: Lisa Aiken recommended that the draft of the by-laws be presented and voted on at the June 2024 meeting. Michelle Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Brad Beam motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Stratton seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.