
DATE: September 2023

RE: First Quarterly Board of Director's Report FY 24 (July – September 2023)

OBJECTIVE: To provide information to the BREMS Board of Directors

| PROJECTS/PROGRAMS:

HDE (Health Data Exchange)

In August 2023, Centra gave BREMS an update. Centra has the ESO contract. However, Centra is interested in discussing the contract with RMH since they have already signed the contract.

Lifeline- Regional Communication System.

August 2023 - The structural analysis on Long Mountain should be starting in the very near future. The payment was submitted to the Virginia State Police to have the structural analysis completed. There was a miscommunication on their end, and the structural analysis should be completed soon.

As for Leigh Mountain- the discussion of moving the radio system to the STARS tower (as originally planned) may be reconsidered. We will keep the Board updated as more information is passed along to BREMS.

Regional Office Update:

- During our fourth quarter, the BREMS Board purchased the Immersive Simulation Room from Echo Health. In August, construction began on the room. The construction is slated to be completed by September 15th and installation of the Immersive Simulation Room will be the September 18th – 22nd. We are very excited about this new training opportunity BREMS will be able to offer the agencies/localities.
- The BREMS Training & Development Coordinator, Jeffrey Reynolds, began working on August 25th. Jeffrey is learning the region and we are excited to have him join our team. Here is a little information about Jeffrey:
 - Comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge of the EMS System.
 - He has mostly recently been with the Pittsylvania County School System as their EMT Instructor for the Pittsylvania Career and Technical Center.
 - He is a current ACLS & PALS instructor.
 - He has experience as the Program Director with the Danville Area Training Center and the Program Director with the Patrick & Henry College.

We believe Jeffrey will be a great asset to our BREMS team. We are looking forward to having this position, filled and moving forward in our training program. Over the next few weeks, we are going to take the time to get Jeffrey up to speed on the BREMS

region, and hopefully have an opportunity to introduce him to many of you. Jeffrey's can be reached at his email- Jeffrey.reynolds@vdh.virginia.gov.

- With the budget crisis at OEMS, the security system and training room equipment is on hold. We hope to know more about these projects in the coming months.
- Please encourage providers to follow up on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) page.

Regional Wellness Program

BREMS began a contract with Impact Living Services (ILS) July 1, 2023. ILS will provide the full-scale resiliency program. [ILS Full-scale Resiliency Program](#).

ILS, BREMS, and EMS leadership have met to identify those who will be part of the Regional CISM Team. ILS is assisting the localities in interviews for the CISM team members. BREMS is the point of contact for this team. ILS is hosting its first CISM training for this team September 18th-20th. ILS will also provide the peer support training for this group. Once all training is completed, we will send out information to the agencies/localities on how to contact the CISM team, or ILS for provider needs and/or training. We are very excited about this new partnership! Stay tuned for more information.

Advanced Paramedic Program

BREMS Training Coordinator and the Regional Medical Director are working on the AP guidelines. Should have the draft guidelines completed by 9/15/2023. Working with FoamFrat for a meeting to teach BREMS how to set up accounts.

Collaboration

BREMS has been working with Centra on updating the EMS rooms at LGH and BMH. Chairs have been ordered for both locations and will be delivered to BMH soon. BREMS has purchased coffee pods for both EMS rooms. BREMS will evaluate how much is spent on coffee pods over a 3-month period. The LGH EMS room was painted and cleaned by Centra. BREMS purchased and had a wall image placed. BREMS will continue to work with Centra in hopes of a better partnership for our EMS providers, agencies, and localities. A survey developed by Centra, has been sent out and is available for submissions until September 15th. You can find the survey posted in the EMS room and the BREMS Facebook page.

DART (Data to Action Resource Team)

BREMS continues to collaborate with our community partners to better understand how societal factors are impacting substance use and mental illness in Central Virginia.

Here is our annual report with DART September 2023. [DART Annual Report 2022-2023](#)

Recruitment Video with First Arriving

BREMS has partnered with First Arriving to provide a Regional Recruitment Video. The regional video will promote all of our localities. In addition to the regional video, each locality will have a 30 sec hype video specifically for them to use in recruitment efforts. Over the last couple of months, BREMS and the localities have met with the production team. We are in the final stages of setting up the agenda, production, and logistics for the filming dates of November 1st – 3rd!

Regional Blood Program

BREMS has met Centra, Centra Lab, Centra One, and the Centra Blood Bank. We are working with Centra on updated guidelines and to finalize all policies. The estimate cost of the program is \$42K - \$45K. This cost includes one (1) cooler and (1) fluid warmer per locality and some start supplies. The localities who participate will be responsible for the ongoing supplies. We are committed to the project and working with Centra. We are continuing to monitor our funds for FY 24/ 25 for this project.

CSR- Controlled Substance Registration

Please continue to send your questions to pharmbd@dhp.virginia.gov. BREMS is here to help the localities navigate the new path ahead and are looking for ways to support the agencies in this process. Please let us know how we can help support you during this time.

Pharmacy Paperwork

BREMS works very closely with Julie Flint, and the pharmacy. Please continue to remind providers to fill out the PAR (Pharmacy Administration Record) out completely, including the new and old box numbers, make sure the provider signs the PAR, and if required, a wastage signature. Make sure to leave a copy of the PPCR. Ensure the medication administered matches on the PAR, the PPCR narrative, and the PPCR medication administration section. These are all issues we seem to require our attention. Lori is doing a great job of notifying agencies and providers of paperwork that needs to be addressed, managed, and fixed in a timely manner.

Trainings

- First Quarter Trainings:
 - August 15th- STEMI Case Review by Dr. O'Brien.
 - VHAC State Meeting is scheduled for September 14th with a virtual option. Any provider can attend and will receive CE. Below is the link <https://www.vaheartattackcoalition.org/event-details-registration/vhac-statewide-meeting>.
- Please encourage your providers to reach out to Lori Meadows if they are not receiving an email of the educational opportunity announcements. Lori will add them to the list to receive the upcoming news.

Regional Medical Direction & Protocols

The first wave of protocol updates and corrections should be ready for release on the app by September 15th.

Financial Items for Review

[BREMS P&L July - Sept. 2023](#)

[BREMS Balance Sheet as of 9-6-23](#)

[BREMS June 2023 Bank Reconciliation](#)

[BREMS July 2023 Bank Reconciliation](#)

[BREMS Aug. 2023 Bank Reconciliation](#)

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