



## BREMS BOD Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 12, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

### **Present:**

Len Cohen, Robert Lipscomb, Bruce Stratton, Lisa Aiken, Danny Williams, Karen Owens, Jenn Martin, Janet Blankenship, Lori Meadows, Mary Kathryn Allen, Tim McConville, Jeff Tanner

### **Absent (Excused):**

Susan Walton, Brad Beam, Sara McConville, Jason Ferguson

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### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Blankenship at 6:01 PM.

### **Board President's Comments:**

Janet Blankenship started with a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11. She then shared opening remarks and welcomed the members.

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### **Old Business**

#### **Approval of Minutes from June:**

- **Motion:** Bruce Stratton motioned to approve the June meeting minutes.
- **Second:** Lisa Aiken seconded.
- **Vote:** All in favor. The motion carried.

#### **Approval of Current Financial Report:**

- **Motion:** Lisa Aiken motioned to approve the current financial report.
- **Second:** Len Cohen seconded.
- **Vote:** All in favor. The motion carried.

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## **Regional Director's Report**

### **Introduction of Karen Owens:**

Karen Owens was introduced as the new Emergency Operations Division Director.

### **Upcoming Special Called GAB Meeting:**

A special meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on September 18, 2024.

### **Drug Box Restocking:**

Restocking procedures for drug boxes with Centra were discussed. The boxes will now be property of individual agencies, with BREMS and hospitals providing additional orange boxes.

### **Regional Med Kit Update:**

There was confusion from the FDA regarding changes to drug box procedures. Dr. Cohen mentioned that Campbell County requested epi kits, and Jenn Martin will send out CertiDose information to that specific agency to assist with rising costs of epi.

### **MCI Update & LU Pegasus Solutions:**

LU is fully funding next year's training exercise, and localities are working on EMS plans for the live drill.

### **Regional Blood Program Report:**

Mary Kathryn presented a report, outlining the cost of blood products and delivery:

- \$395 per unit
- \$1,100 shipping cost per month
- \$61,080 annual cost for blood products
- Michelle expressed hesitation about committing until further clarification on EMS's role. Danny Williams shared insights from LFD's blood program.

### **Handtevy:**

A motion was made to approve the Handtevy system for one year by Lisa Aiken and seconded by Michelle Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Website:**

Lori Meadows reported that the new website has launched with an online registration for clinical students.

### **Training and Development:**

Training and Development has been set up for September, October and November with tentative trainings January -March. Trainings for 2024 include Pediatric Cardiology, Mechanical Ventilation Workshop, Tactical Resilience Workshop, Dementia, Tracheostomy Care and The Agitated Patient.

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## New Business

- **Attorney Change:**  
Betsy Phillips, former attorney for the State Corp Commission, has retired. John Alford from Caskie and Frost will be the new attorney for BREMS.
- **Regional OMD Contract:**  
The contract for the regional operational medical director was discussed, with \$15,000 allocated for every six months. Karen Owens clarified that OEMS would not pay for OMD services, as it is not part of the contract.
- **Designation Process Deadline:**  
Karen Owens reported that the BREMS designation process is due by December 15, 2024. No changes are being made to the process currently.
- **Vector Solutions Online Training and Development Opportunities:**  
State Contract with Vector Solutions will be terminated effective December 31, 2024.
- **Regional and State Awards Program:**  
Dr. Cohen questioned the timing of an awards reception at 4:00 PM on a Monday. Mary Kathryn explained it was necessary due to limited resources. Karen Owens shared that the state is evaluating its awards program for the upcoming year.

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## Updates

### IT Issues:

The network will move to a shared hybrid office network by October 31, 2024. Daniel Linkins, Regional Director at CSEMS has been assisting in the transition.

### CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management):

There have been seven debriefs since January 2024, with new members joining the Tactical Resiliency program.

### Canine Response Dogs:

Information will be sent to interested board members regarding a possible canine response program for our region.

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## Next Steps & Adjournment

A special GAB session is scheduled for September 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM in Richmond to present the Audit Report.

The next regular meeting will include further updates on the Regional OMD contract, CSR, and drug box restocking.

- **Motion to Adjourn:**  
Lisa Aiken moved to adjourn the meeting.
- **Second:** Danny Williams
- **Time:** 7:24 PM

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**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM. The next BOD and RSAF grant review meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6pm.



**Sign In Sheet  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 10, 2024 @ 6 pm**

Name	Organization	Email
Janet Blankenship	Bedford County	same
JENN <del>Reese</del> MARTIN	BREMS	
Michelle Turner	Campbell County	
Jeff Tandyer (VIRNUM)	Centra	
Tim McCawley (VIRNUM)		
Lon Meadows	BREMS	
Mary Kathryn Allen	BREMS	



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