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MEDICAL SERVICES
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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lock Haven EMS Building
Lock Haven, Pa. 17745

April 6, 2006 7:30 PM

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
Chairman Lee Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.
Introductions were made.
- II. Roll Call (sign-up sheet)
A sign-up sheet was circulated.
- III. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Craig Wheeler, 2nd by Gerard Banfill to approve the January 5, 2006 minutes as mailed. Motion approved.
- IV. Financial Report
A motion was made by Rich Kelley, 2nd by Dave Jones to approve the January-March, 2006 financial reports as mailed. Motion approved.
- V. Training Report
Tim reviewed the mailed training report.
- VI. Reports
 1. Operational Committees
 - a. MAC
Dr. Botti reported that the MAC Committee is urging for a big recruitment campaign. Also, the ALS Protocols with the assistance of Scott Rhoat, have been completed and went into effect January 15, 2006. The State MAC has recommended changes to the BLS Protocols sent to the Bureau of EMS for their final approval and distribution. Dr. Botti also asked about the medical liability for her as the the medical director of the Council. Tim is checking into what coverage is being provided.

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b. Communications

Joanne Furl reported that the committee has been working on updating the EMD protocols. The committee is working with Dr. Botti to determine what changes need to be made for updating. A meeting will be set up to use the web demo in the near future for all those centers participating. Phil Lucas questioned as to why it was decided to go with APCO. Dave Jones asked that this be tabled to the communications committee for their response. Craig Wheeler motioned, 2nd by Dave Jones to go with the program that is best for the region and patient care. Motion approved.

c. MCI/Terrorism Response

Tim discussed the possibility of working with the South-Central Counter Terrorism Task Force on updating the triage tag system in our region. Rich Kelley talked about the triage system and reported that a meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2006 at Centre LifeLink, EMS with three vendors.

2. Council Committees

a. Membership

Tim reported that the Council delegate organizations have been contacted and a few have updated their delegate information.

3. Director's Report

Tim reported that approximately \$18,000 is available for terrorism response in our budget. Discussion was held as to the best way to spend this money. A committee has been set up to look at various options.

VII. Old Business

1. SNS Planning Contract-Delta Developmental

Tim reported that Delta Developmental has completed the first phase of the project and that another \$50,000 has been budgeted for them to complete the planning project to set up PODs.

2. Town Meeting-EMS Act Revision

Tim also reported that the Department of Health Town Meeting was well attended and that a second draft version will be available soon.

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3. **Regional 12 Lead Transmission Project**
Rich Kelley and Dave Jones reported that the MAC Committee made the recommendation to go with the 12 lead project. It was requested that EMSOF monies be made available for this project. Craig Wheeler made the motion, 2nd by Phil Lucas to fund \$2000 to Mount Nittany Medical Center and to fund service monitor updates at the state approved percentage for regional ALS services interested in participating. Any left over monies would be used for training.
4. **Contract**
Tim reported that the 2006-2009 contract has been approved. The Bureau of EMS is now completing work programs for all sixteen regional councils so that they are standard across the State.

VIII. New Business

1. **CPR/AED Changes**
Tim reported that two AHA update classes have been scheduled. One was held March 25, 2006 and the other is scheduled for April 22, 2006. Mark is working with Dr. Botti on service AED updates. Council also asked for monies to purchase equipment to update service AEDs.
2. **EMS Week**
Tim reported that the Council is working on several projects. Dr. Botti asked that we participate more in the recruitment/retention program during EMS Week.
3. **PA Pandemic Planning**
Tim reported that he attended the Governor's Conference in Pittsburgh on the State's pandemic planning. Bird Flu is not currently a pandemic and everyone agrees that Bird Flu (H5N1 virus) may never cause a pandemic; but, the virus has shown numerous similarities to the 1918 Spanish Flu virus which caused thousands of deaths and widespread disruption of normal services. Pandemic planning is being suggested as "Bird Flu" may not cause a pandemic but there is a good chance that another pandemic will hit sometimes in the future and planning can be extended to other areas such as terrorism and/or biohazards.

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Additional meetings are going to be conducted throughout the Commonwealth.

4. Other New Business
None

IX. Date/Location of Next Meeting
The next council meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2006 in Mifflin County.
Meeting location to be announced.

X. Adjournment
Motion made by Rich Kelley, 2nd by Craig Wheeler to adjourn at 10:00 PM.