

Seven Mountains EMS Council
Special Council Meeting
February 11, 2010, 7:00 PM
Council Office

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Council President Dave Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Introductions were made.

II. EMSOF Committee Report

Dave Jones reported that at the last Council Executive Board Meeting an EMSOF Committee Meeting was appointed to review EMSOF requests. The EMSOF Committee consists of Scott Rhoat, Mick Abrashoff and Gerard Banfill. Tim Nilson, Jim Urban, Mick Abrashoff and Gerard Banfill met January 22, 2010 to review the EMSOF Requests and come up with a plan on how to expend the remaining EMSOF monies. Dave Jones reported that at the EMSOF Meeting in January it was determined that the 12 Lead EKG project is closed and complete. Monies were also previously allocated for the Trip Report Program and the CO Monitors. The remaining balance in EMSOF funds is \$53,401.00. Gerard Banfill reported that at the January meeting the Committee came up with the following recommendations. Gerard Banfill reported that per Tim Nilson, the Bureau of EMS would like to see EMSOF funding allocated to Pediatric Initiatives and Bariatric Units. The Committee recommended that one pediatric training class be held in each county with a total of \$2,000 being allocated per county with a grand total of \$8,000 to be expended. Also, recommended that \$325 be awarded to each BLS, ALS QRS Service who sends one person to the training to purchase one hard pediatric equipment item for their respective service. Also, it was decided at the EMSOF Committee Meeting that no monies would be allocated for AEDs requested from EMS Services.

The Committee recommends that the next contract year EMSOF funds be used to purchase AEDs, since this will be a required piece of equipment in 2011. The second project that the Bureau of EMS would like to see funded is bariatric units. The EMSOF Committee recommends that each county be awarded \$8,000 for bariatric units. It has been determined that the lack of bariatric units in our region is an unmet need by the Bureau of EMS. Scott Rhoat reported that last year he received a call from Tim Nilson asking for Bellefonte EMS to transport a patient from Lewistown Hospital to Geisinger Medical Center. Bellefonte EMS and Milroy EMS eventually were able to transport the patient; Milroy providing the personnel and Bellefonte EMS providing the bariatric unit. Dave Jones then asked for discussion on funding bariatric units. Question was raised as to whether previously purchased bariatric equipment could be funded. Dave Jones and Scott Rhoat reported that in the past, EMSOF monies had to be expended within the contract year. Dave Jones stated that when Tim Nilson arrived questions could be posed to him. John Shirk discussed stretcher weight limits. Also discussed was the accountability of a service that is funded for a bariatric unit and what guidelines they will have to meet.

Dave Jones asked for a motion as to how the funding will be allocated.

Rich Kelley made a motion, 2nd by Jon Eich to accept the EMSOF Committee's recommendation of each County receiving \$8,000 for a bariatric unit; total funds for the bariatric project will be \$32,000.

Dave Jones asked for a motion to approve the of Bariatric Unit Project. Motion approved. Dave Jones asked Gerard Banfill, Scott Rhoat and John Shirk work with staff to select services in each County that

are interested in becoming a bariatric service. Scott Rhoat stated that he would be willing to assist staff in setting guidelines and development of a contract but declined to help in service selection. Discussion was then held as to pediatric training and equipment purchase. Dave Jones asked for a motion on the pediatric training and hard equipment purchase. Dave Jones stated that he would like to see the \$325 be per service not provider. Dave Jones suggested that he would like to see the \$13,325 set aside to purchase pediatric immobilization boards for all ambulances/QRS units in the region; \$8000 for four training sessions in the region; one per county. Scott Rhoat also asked that we purchase extra boards so that we have them available for training purposes. Romaine Naylor made a motion, 2nd by Rich Kelley to set aside \$8,000 total, \$2000 per county for pediatric training class in each county. Romaine Naylor then made a motion to spend \$13,325 for the purchase of pediatric immobilization devices for each service. Jon Eich made a suggestion to incorporate the remaining \$76 to the pediatric equipment monies. Romaine Naylor agreed to amend her motion to include the \$76, 2nd by Jon Eich. Motion approved. The total cost for the pediatric immobilization devices will be \$13,401. Discussion was held and it was decided to purchase the Ferno pediatric immobilization devices. Dave Jones asked that if there are any extra monies leftover if we should fund AEDs . Gerard Banfill made a motion, 2nd by John Shirk to use the extra monies to purchase an AED for the Council vehicle. Motion approved. Council will now submit these proposals to the Bureau of EMS for their approval, then monies may be spent.

III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kent Knable to adjourn, 2nd by Jeremy Breon, McVeytown EMS to adjourn the Meeting. Motion approved.

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Attendance Roster

1. Jeremy Breon, McVeytown EMS
2. Dave Jones, University Ambulance Service
3. John Shirk, Central Juniata EMS
4. Scott Rhoat, Bellefonte EMS
5. Sandra Neal, Port Matilda EMS
6. Paul Sattazahn, Haneyville Fire Co. QRS
7. Rich Kelley, MNMC, Medic 2
8. Megan Lucas, Goodwill Hose EMS
9. Jon Eich, Centre County Commissioners
10. Romyne Naylor, American Red Cross
11. Kent Knable, Centre LifeLink EMS
12. Gerard Banfill, Lock Haven EMS
13. James Urban, Seven Mts. EMS Council