

Seven Mountains EMS Council
Special Council Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2010
7:00 PM
523 Dell Street
Bellefonte, Pa.

I. President Dave Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

II. Introductions and Roll Call

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated.

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Scott Rhoat, 2nd by John Shirk to approve the Agenda.

Motion passed.

IV. EMSOF Monies

Dave Jones reported that there was some misunderstanding of allocation of EMSOF Monies from the previous Council Meeting and that Seven Mountains EMS Council Staff wanted further guidance. Dave stated that problems have arisen from the bariatric issue thus a Special Meeting was called to recommend where monies are to be allocated. The total bariatric project is \$32,000 with each county to receive \$8,000. One county has chosen not to participate; leaving \$24,000 for bariatric services and the remaining \$8,000 that was allocated would be divided between services who agree to provide bariatric services.

Dave reported that the EMSOF Committee met again and made the following recommendations: \$8,000 would go to each service that chooses to participate in the program and agrees to abide by the performance guidelines. A performance agreement will be developed. Currently, Juniata, Mifflin and Clinton Counties have a total of four services willing to participate; one in Clinton, one in Juniata and two in Mifflin County. The remaining \$8,000 would be divided between the four services, one in each county, giving them a total of \$2,000 each to offset any costs associated with the bariatric service. Any of the \$8,000 allocated to the participating services not spent and returned back to the Council would be used to help fund the AEDs and pagers (for the narrow band project). Reimbursement would be at the standard EMSOF rate of 60/40 rural and 50/50 for urban services. The Committee also recommended that the services sign a Performance Agreement that equipment must be maintained for three to five years and may not be sold. Kent Knable questioned how the QI/QA Committee would verify bariatric usage. The QI/QA Committee discussed at the last Committee Meeting developing a regional reporting form to be used after a bariatric transport, similar to the regional AED reporting system. Also questions were raised as to whether or not the 911 Centers could ask if the patient is over 350 pounds so that a bariatric unit could be sent at initial dispatch. John Shirk stated that Juniata County 911 Center had already been asked that question and did not want to participate. Jim Urban suggested that the Council develop a regional protocol to assist the 911 Centers to help identify patient weight and bariatric dispatch. Jon Eich asked about the 100 miles to the hospitals and whether reimbursement should be made for

those going over 100 miles. Dave Jones stated that if a service chooses to accept a transport over 100 miles that would be the service's prerogative. The QI/QA Committee would only look at transports within the 100 miles in determining a service's compliance to the agreement. Jon Eich also asked if the intent was to

provide transport one way only or would the bariatric services be required to provide return trip transportation. Scott Rhoat stated that usually the family or the discharging facility make the arrangements. Kent Knable questioned whether bariatric ambulances would be allowed to bill for the transport. Scott Rhoat stated that they can and would have the \$2,000 that was set aside to help offset costs such as wages, etc. Kent Knable questioned if a service does not meet established guidelines how does the Council intend to enforce. Tim Nilson stated that the QI/QA Committee would review and then ask for equipment to be returned to the Council within thirty days. The service would be allowed to keep any of the \$2,000 already expended. If a service does not meet guidelines a letter will be sent to the county ambulance services to see if any would want to become a bariatric service upon failure of compliance from the original bariatric service. Dave Jones asked for a motion to approve the EMSOF Committee's recommendations. A motion was made by Jon Eich, 2nd by Kent Knable to allocate the \$8,000 to each participating service, along with the \$2,000 from each county to offset costs. Any monies returned from the original \$32,000 would then be allocated to purchase AEDs and narrow band radio equipment. Radio equipment would be a first priority, going to counties that are switching to the narrow band earlier than other counties. Council Staff will evaluate which of the Mifflin County Services are viable candidates for bariatric service and are willing to abide by the Performance Agreement. Scott Rhoat, John Shirk and Gerard Banfill abstained. Motion approved.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made by Gerard Banfill, 2nd by Romaine Naylor to adjourn. Motion approved.

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Sign-in Sheet

1. Adam Hoover, Delegate-Administrative Mount Nittany Medical Center
2. Megan Lucas, Delegate, Goodwill Hose Ambulance Association
3. Jon Eich, Delegate, Centre County Commissioners
4. Romaine Naylor, Delegate, American Red Cross
5. Kent Knable, Delegate, Centre LifeLink EMS
6. John Shirk, Delegate, Central Juniata EMS
7. Tim Nilson, Staff, Seven Mts. EMS Council
8. Gerard Banfill, Delegate, Lock Haven EMS
9. Dave Jones, Delegate, University Ambulance Service
10. Scott Rhoat, Delegate, Bellefonte EMS
11. Jim Urban, Staff, Seven Mts. EMS Council
12. Clarence Blessard, Delegate, Bucktail Medical Center
13. Cathy Grimes, Staff, Seven Mts. EMS Council