

EMS Oversight Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 9, 2019
6:00 P.M.
EOC Conference Room

Present: Charles Mayo, Jim McArthur, Dr. Portela, Michael Brown, George Bell, Brian Barnett, Jordan Smith, Ken Denton, Angela Brown

Excused Absences: Kiplan Clemmons, Jo Morgan

Opening: Michael Brown called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Dr. Portela gave the prayer. **Pledge:** Dr. Brown led the committee in the pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Jim McArthur made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; Charles Mayo seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Approval of Agenda: Jim McArthur made the motion to approve the agenda as presented; Charles Mayo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Presentation-Jim McArthur introduced Kam Kampen with Stryker Stretcher. He demonstrated the power load power system stretcher and left some information for the group.

EMS Squads Comments to the EMS-OC: No one signed up.

Items for Report:

- Medical Director – Dr. Roberto Portela reported the new Emergency Medicine Fellow will come on board July 2019 through June 2020. There is also someone lined up for July 2020. Changes in office: had a meeting with Non E Franchises will no longer provide TSOP (Technical Scope of Practice). The only Non-E Franchises taking TSOPs were the ones who work inside Pitt County. The companies do their own TSOPs. He is still available to the non-emergency franchises for help, training, etc. The change will allow the medical director to focus more time on the emergency side. Working on online introduction module for providers coming into our system, i.e. Protocols, policies and procedures. Will begin asking for ems personnel for the squads they are affiliated with. There is a finite number of personnel and need to know if there is a disaster need to know how personnel are dedicated to operate in Pitt County for 72 hours. Dr. Brown reported that he observed a skills test at the medical director's office. Dr. Portela reported their office has an ambulance simulation.
- EMS/Rescue Association – George Bell reported the Association held elections in November and the only seat that changed was vice-chair, and it is Jesse

Harris of Bell Arthur EMS. The Chair and Secretary/Treasurer remained the same.

- Greenville Fire & Rescue – Ken Denton reported the city is still trying to recover from the computer attack. They lost one full day of data. There were 800 plus computers that had to be recovered.
- Non-Emergency – Seat Vacant
- PCC EMS Training – Jack Cote reported two (2) sections of EMTs are finishing and he expects 20-24 to graduate. They will try to get students to take State exam as soon as possible. Nine paramedics graduated from the curriculum degree program last evening. Jim asked about the continuing education side for the medic class. Jack requested an official inquiry from the board. Dr. Brown reported in Ohio they kept 5 seats open for non-credit CEs in the curriculum class.

Motion: Dr. Portela made a motion to recommend the Interim Director, Jim McArthur, have conversation with Pitt Community College regarding the possibility of having non-credit continuing education in the curriculum course. Charles Mayo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- EM Director – Jim McArthur reported as the EMS Coordinator, he is in support of the non-credit continuing education.. This week is Hurricane Preparedness Week. The Hurricane Conference is May 29. EMS Week is the third week of May. Please thank ems providers for the services. The commissioners will do a proclamation for EMS Week. The EMS budget that was approved by the committee was pushed forward to the commissioners. The AVL project is ongoing. All the equipment has been ordered and is scheduled to ship June 10. They will be working on the project implementation plan. The Freedom Project (a mobile application for CAD users) will be a reality for all users by early June. Jim passed out a copy of EMS Oversight Ordinance at the request of Dr. Brown. Jim reported he sent out an email this afternoon regarding moving towards EMS Charts. At present we use Zoll software. Zoll has purchased EMS Charts and the county may be able to move to EMS Charts within the existing contract. EMS Charts is a web based system.

Motion: Jim made a motion to cancel July meeting, George Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jim reported there is an active shooter exercise at DH Conley High School on June 26 designed especially for the school system to help school personnel to experience the sights, sounds and smells that are present during an actual event. George Bell asked how many applications have been received for EM Director. Jim reported that the department has no information about the position. This is being handled by the county manager. George reported that there is training at the rock quarry, and he will be getting aerial footage of the training.

- Financial Report: Brian Barnett asked Jim to include Finance staff in the EMS Charts change. There have been some changes in budget due to State mandates and personnel costs that were passed on to all departments including EMS. It does not affect revenues. The public hearing should be the first part of June.

Items for Decision

- Appointment/Reappointment for seat held by Charles Mayo-Dr. Portela made the motion to recommend to the commissioners to grant an exception to allow Charles Mayo to be reappointed to another term; George Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Questions/Comments from EMS-OC Members: Jack Cote asked if there are any openings on the committee. It was reported there are none. Dr. Brown asked that everyone review the EMS Oversight Committee Ordinance.

Adjournment: Jim McArthur made the motion to adjourn; Dr. Portela seconded the Motion. Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm

Note: Next regular scheduled meeting of EMS Oversight Committee is September 12, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the EOC. July meeting has been cancelled.