



**BREMS Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 2021; 6:00 pm
Centra Sim Center & Virtual**

In Attendance

Janet Blankenship
Jason Ferguson
Tim McConville
Mary Kathryn Allen

Present via Conference Call:

Susan Walton
Michelle Turner
R. Bruce Stratton
Wendy Wilcoxson, MD
Leonard Cohen, MD
Samuel A. Bryant
Robert Lipscomb
Chris Vernovai- OEMS

Board Members Absent:

Holly Hogan (Excused)
John Boon (Excused)
Peter O'Brien (Excused)
Jeff Tanner (Excused)

President Janet Blankenship called the in person/virtual meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Blankenship welcomed everyone and the meeting was set up with social distancing procedures followed and everyone was wearing a mask.

The meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by R. Bruce Stratton, seconded by Robert Lipscomb, to approval the December 2020 meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Janet Blankenship presented the quarterly Treasurer's Report and asked the Regional Director to review the with the Board. No questions were asked. Dr. Leonard Cohen

made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by R. Bruce Stratton. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

President Janet Blankenship gave the Chair Report

Chair Blankenship stated thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to saturating the population in our region with the vaccine. Chair Blankenship stated the Regional Director's report would offer more information on the transition and any updates.

Regional Director's Report

- Mary Kathryn discussed the transition between BREMS and OEMS. Updated the BOD on the real estate RFP. CVCC was unable to make office space for BREMS to meet the RFP. After discussing the locations from the previous RFP the Board voted to ask OEMS to put out a new RFP. They wanted to make sure to have adequate parking and space inside for office space, training, and possible a pharmacy for drug box exchange if need be. Mary Kathryn stated she would send an email to Adam the following morning.
- Mary Kathryn is still attending the bi-weekly virtual manager's meeting with OEMS staff. There are still weekly and bi-weekly meetings being attended at the local, regional, and state levels. BREMS has attended normal monthly meetings as well- most are being done virtually.
- The Performance Improvement Specialist position was filled by Jenn Kersey on February 25th. It has been great to get this position filled and moving along. Waiting to hear from OEMS on other position approvals for the state positions.
- Dr. Wilcoxson and the Regional Director have been in discussions the Centra Stroke Team. BREMS has also been asked to join OEMS, AHA, and two other regional councils (NOVA and SWEMS) to work on a 3 year CDC Stroke Grant. BREMS completed a one-year budget (will receive \$10K) to use in the first year. We are looking forward to what the grant will provide for stroke care and education in our region. The Regional Director will keep you updated as she receives information.
- The Regional Director updated the EMS Leadership on discussions during the VHAC and Chest Pain Council meetings. Dr. Wilcoxson, the Regional Director, Kelly Brown (Centra- in charge of Med Com), and Cindi Cole (Centra) are working on a more streamlined plan for EMS to follow. We want the streamlined process for STEMI, Stroke, and Trauma patients. Until this process is worked out and finalized, we are asking once EMS identifies and transmits a possible STEMI to please call/email Med Com with patient identifiers (patient name and date of birth). We are hoping this will cut down the EMS 12 lead obtain time to Cath lab activation time.
- The Regional Director stated she will follow up again to see if Dr. Long has received any information on electronic PPCR discussions.
- BREMS has asked Robbie Price, Centra ED Manager, about EMS bringing our sharps to the hospital instead of paying for a company to dispose of them.

- BREMS is also ordering eye rivets for the drug boxes to help reduce the amount of drug box lock breakages. They have been on backorder but we hope to have them in the next six weeks.
- BREMS' office is open Monday – Friday. Ann Wilson is in the office and can assist with needs. Mary Kathryn, Jenn, and Sean are all in and out based on schedules and needs from the localities during the vaccination clinics. Please call, text, or email us all anytime.
- The Regional Director gave an update from the Performance Improvement Specialist and the Training Coordinator on their projects.

Update from Regional OMD

Dr. Wilcoxson was on the conference with the State OMDs and provided an update to the Board members. Dr. Wilcoxson is also very busy supporting and managing the regional Central Virginia Vaccination Task Force efforts. She has worked countless hours to support all the localities at this time.

New Business

- The 3rd quarterly items below were approved by the Board:
 - Trauma Triage Plan
 - Stroke Plan
 - Strategic Plan
 - MCI Plan
 - Quarterly PI report
 - Quarterly Training report
- Jason Ferguson made a motion to approve the above quarterly plans/reports, seconded by Tim McConville. All above quarterly plan/reports were approved unanimously

Chris Vernovai, OEMS, was on the call. Chris stated topics were covered by the Regional Director and Chair Blankenship.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13th; 6:00 pm for the BREMS Grant Review.

Motion made by Robert Lipscomb, seconded by Sam Bryant, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously at 7:05 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Mary Kathryn Allen