

TIDEWATER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.

**Board of Directors  
MINUTES, June 9, 2022**

Directors Present

Lewis H. Siegel, VaCEP, President  
Amy Ward, Treasurer, Portsmouth  
Traci Richards, Behavioral Health  
John W. McNulty, III, Chesapeake  
Pat Humphries, Isle of Wight  
Daniel A. Norville, Virginia Beach  
Donna Marchant-Roof, Allied Health  
Robert G. Burton, Norfolk  
John DiBacco, Norfolk  
James Reynolds, Chesapeake  
Janice E. McKay, Tidewater ENA  
Edward M. Brazle, Virginia Beach  
Stewart W. Martin, MD, Virginia Beach  
Keith Johnson, Suffolk  
Jim Wood, Virginia Beach  
Jim Redick, At-Large

Directors Virtual

Darren Padilla, Chesapeake  
Genemarie McGee, RN, Vice Pres., VHHA

Directors Absent

Michael Brooks, Norfolk  
Charles Ray Pruitt, Accomack Co.  
Christopher I. Jacobs, JD, Virginia Beach  
Vernie Francis, Franklin  
Clayton Gaskins, Southampton Co  
W. Travis Kirby, PA-C, EVMS  
Brian Phillips, Special Operations

Others Present

David Long, Executive Director and Secretary  
Terri Christman, Northampton Co

1. Opening – Dr. Siegel called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Directors and guests introduced themselves. A **motion** was made, seconded and passed to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of 03-10-2022.
2. Treasurer's Report – Ms. Ward provided an overview of financial statements and investment accounts and commented TEMS was experiencing effects of the current market. She also reported the Audit and Finance Committee reviewed the draft of the FY23 Budget a second time and voted to send it to the Executive Committee for consideration. The FY 23 budget includes a six-percent COLA increase for employees.
3. Other Committee Reports – Dr. Siegel reported out for the Executive Committee.
4. Consent Agenda – Dr. Siegel asked if any director would like to remove any item from the consent agenda for separate discussion and vote. There were no requests, and a **motion** was made, seconded and passed to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented below:
  - A. Reaffirm "Board Designated" funds: Kent J. Weber Fund, MMRS fund, Tidewater Regional Technical Rescue Team fund, Eastern Shore fund, and Hospital Preparedness Program fund
  - B. Acknowledge OMD Committee approval of the current regional EMS protocols and appendices, including Ambulance Diversion Plan (Hospital Closure Policy), Supplies Restocking Policy and Medication Kit Exchange Policy (no changes)
5. Other Unfinished and New Business
  - A. Consider TEMS FY23 Regional Medical Director Contract/Assistant Regional Medical Director Contract. A **motion** was made, seconded and passed to approved to execute the Regional Medical Director and Assistant Regional Medical Director Contracts.
  - B. FY23 TEMS-VDH EMS Program Services Contract MOU 517 18 M045 ends effective June 30, 2022. OEMS and the regional Council directors have been meeting for two months drafting new work plans for review and eventual approval. It is likely that the current contract will be extended to cover the first quarter of FY23. It is expected that a new contract would be in place come October 1, 2022. A **motion** was made, seconded and passed to accept the FY22 TEMS-VDH EMS Program Services Contract MOU 517 18 M045 extension for \$98,242.25.
  - C. Consider FY22 local government financial support requests (increases to 8%) and Commercial EMS agencies financial support requests. A **motion** was made, seconded and passed to move forward with the five-year progression increasing local government financial support.

- D. Consider TEMS FY23 Operating Budget as prepared by Audit and Finance Committee, recommended by Executive Committee. A **motion** was made, seconded and passed to adopt the recommended TEMS FY23 Operating Budget.
- E. FY23 TEMS-VHHA (EVHC program) and TEMS-HRPDC (HRMMRS program) contracts are pending. A **motion** was made, seconded and passed to adopt accept the FY23 TEMS-VHHA (EVHC program) and TEMS-HRPDC (HRMMRS program) contracts when offered. (**Contracts from VHHA and HRPDC have been received and are fully executed for FY23.**)
- F. Whole Blood Initiative – Mr. Long reported on a whole blood initiative in the Tidewater region. Whole blood delivery by EMS started in 2017 and is rapidly expanding across the country. Three-years worth of regional data indicate that the TEMS region would administer about 240 units of whole blood per year. Trauma is the leading cause of death for ages 46 and under in the U.S.; yet, up to 20% of trauma deaths are potentially survivable. A Whole Blood Task Force was assembled and included EMS Operational Medical Directors, Trauma Services, EMS Agencies, Regional EMS Council, SMEs (Dr. Kotora, NMCP with experience implementing EMS whole programs – most recently in Camp LeJune North Carolina) and nurse managers. The start-up cost is ~\$250,000 with an annual coast of ~\$150,000. The biggest obstacle is the supply of whole blood. The American Red Cross is not able to support our program and Sentara Healthcare has expressed concerns regarding the storage of whole blood by EMS. TEMS has reached out to the Blood Connection as a whole blood supplier and had a draft contract written. (*The contract has been reviewed by Chris Jacobs and he provided recommendations to amend the draft contract. The Blood Connection made all of the proposed changes.*) The whole blood initiative will likely be a phased implementation of 12 to 18 months.
- G. Regional EMS Council re-designation – The Tidewater EMS Council completed the re-designation process, which is required every three years. A few board members participated in the process. OEMS has recommended that TEMS be re-designated as a regional EMS council to the Health Commissioner. Once the Health Commissioner has approved, TEMS will receive a copy of the re-designation letter.
6. Governance – Mr. Brazle
- A. Northampton County representation – the Northampton County Deputy Administrator advised that the Board of Supervisors will meet on June 14, 2022 to appoint a representative to serve on the TEMS Board of Directors. (*Since this meeting, the Board of Supervisors met and appointed Terri Christman from the Northampton County Department of EMS to serve out the remaining term.*)
- B. Strategic Regional EMS Plan – Mr. Brazle reported that the Board needs to conduct an assessment of regional progress against the strategic plan. Specifically, the Governance committee is looking to identify areas of concern and take steps to address them.
- C. Board of Directors Retreat – Mr. Brazle discussed the degree of turnover on the TEMS Board and wanted to explore the benefits of conducting a Board retreat. Following some discussion, Board members support a one-day board retreat in the fall of 2022. The Director and the Governance Committee will plan and execute the retreat.
7. Announcements – other dates, news and training on [www.tidewaterems.org](http://www.tidewaterems.org)
8. Adjournment – With no additional business, Dr. Siegel adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 8, 2022.
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Minutes prepared by David Long