

Atlantic Partners EMS Inc Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020

ZOOM Attendance Only

Members: Brian Chamberlin, Eddie Moreside, Jesse Thompson, Scott Lash, Ginny Brockway, Butch Russell, Ed Moreshead, Aiden Koplovsky, Andy Turcotte, Mike Poli, Kevin Gurney, Rick Chipman joined at 3:13 PM

Excused: None

Staff: Rick Petrie, Cyndie Dugans, Wayne Werts

I. Call to order

Kevin Gurney called to order the regular meeting of the Atlantic Partners EMS Inc Board of Directors at 3:04 PM on December 10, 2020 via Zoom meeting.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept as distributed (B. Chamberlin / E. Moreside) all in favor, No abstentions.

III. Financial Report

End of Year Review: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020: Was distributed prior to meeting and has been sent to the accountant. No questions from the Board

Year to Date Financials: The financials through the end of September 2020 were discussed. Rick will be sending out billing to the hospitals in December. The grants listed are in relation to ENVO masks and PPE. Education has been way down because of Covid

Line of Credit Update: Butch and Rick have been meeting with the bank regarding the \$139,000.00 line of credit. An estimate of the building has been done and suggest to convert 100,000.00 towards a regular loan and pay off the remaining 39,000.00. The interest rate on the loan is lower than the line of credit and will be saving us around 2%.

Motion to change line of credit to a mortgage as presented (A. Turcotte/ J. Thompson), all in favor, no abstentions.

IV. Old Business

- a) Community College Update: Rick shared that there is not much to update on the colleges as they are still in crisis mode. Enrollment is way down across the system. Services are reluctant to send their staff for EMS classes in part due to Covid and online classroom sessions. At this point, the EMCC Paramedic program will begin January 25th. We are losing Clinical some sites due to Covid so we will push clinicals back to March. Rick attended a conference with the President of the Community College System and stressed

the strong need for the Colleges to integrate EMS into their programming. The System President reassured Rick that EMS was on the radar of the senior leadership.

- b) COVID Update: We are still in full-time Covid-mode and expect to see things get worse in the next month or so. Nursing Homes are being hit hard with cases and we are offering support and resources as much as possible. Vaccinations have been a hot topic regarding who will be receiving them and when. Reportedly, Pfizer will be sending 12,000 does and Maderna will be sending 20,000. Every licensed EMS provider will be offered the vaccine. 2-3 services in each County will work with MEMS to vaccinate the public safety providers in their area as the vaccine becomes available. We were not consulted as to which services were selected and only found out when services started calling with questions, making this process a bit challenging. Discussion surrounding the lack of coordination and exceeding span of control at the State level resulting in confusion and mis-information. Rick will share the list of services that have been selected to administer the vaccine.

APEMS applied for and received a CLIA waiver to support EMS agencies with BinaxNOW tests. The Webinar with Dora Mills and Mike Bohanske was well received. It has been uploaded to YouTube. Aiden has created a test for those watching it and CEU's will be available. Most APEMS staff continue to work remotely with the KV office staffed as equipment and highway safety items are there. Services are struggling to deal with exposure/potential exposures and quarantine issues and we are helping where appropriate. CMS has issued a rule that requires nursing homes to test all of their patients, employees, and contractors (apparently including EMS services) at least monthly. We are working with MAA to get better clarification of the requirement.

- c) Grant EMS Programs: We have received another community college grant for KVCC and EMCC to offer more free EMS training.
- d) Westbrook COVID Project: The project is going well and offering a fair amount of education and outreach
- e) Other: No Other

V. New business

- a) NEMHS/Jackman Project: Northeast Mobile Health would like to contract with APEMS (specifically Rick) to become the Project Director for their Jackman initiative. The offer is to buy up to 10 hours a week for January 1 – June 30, 2021 for 20,000.00. Rick shared his strong beliefs in this project and desire to work with them and Dr. Busko to get this program running strong. Ed Moreshead asked Rick if he would be able to handle the additional responsibilities. Rick shared that he will be dispersing some load to Heather and Wayne.

Motion to enter into a contract with NEMHS for Rick to become the Program Director in Jackman_(B/Chamberlin/ A Turcotte) AIF with 1 Abstention (Russell).

- b) Rick discussed the workforce concerns and that Maine EMS Board has created a sub-committee to work on this aspect. Brian shared that APEMS needs to help assure the appropriate information gets to the committee to successfully make this work at it's best.

VI. Feedback and Discussion on Regional Topics:

Rick shared the names from the Northeast and KV Councils that have been submitted to the governor for the corresponding Maine EMS Board positions.

Northeast: Nothing to report.

Midcoast: Jesse shared that things are pretty quiet in that region.

KV: Nothing to report

Southern Maine: Rick Chipman shared that there is some confusion in the area with Covid protocols. They recently advertised for new hires and only had 2 applicants. Rick Petrie suggested that he send a letter to Rich Kindelan regarding his concerns. He also confirmed that all staff should be wearing masks when on duty and comply to social distancing guidelines.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:17 PM (B. Chamberlin / E. Moreside); All in favor. Next meeting will be on January 28, 2021.

Minutes submitted by Cyndie Dugans