



Georgia Trauma Commission

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EMS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 12 January 2017

Scheduled: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Georgia Public Safety Training Center: Classroom 112

1000 Indian Springs Dr.

Forsyth, GA 31029

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Courtney Terwilliger, Chair & GA Trauma Commission Vic Drawdy – GA Trauma Commission Lana Duff – Region One Chad Black – Region Two Pete Quinones - Region Three (Conference Line) Paul Beamon – Region Four Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six Jimmy Carver-Region Seven Brandon Fletcher – Region Eight (Conference Line) David Moore- Region Nine Huey Atkins – Region Ten	Dr. Jeffrey Nicholas, Excused Absent

OTHERS	REPRESENTING
Dena Abston Erin Bolinger Katie Hamilton Kim Littleton Kelly Joiner Renee Morgan Keith Wages Billy Kunkle Dan Gates Mark Peters Tim Boone Jamey Crosby Kristal Smith	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff GAEMS OEMST Region 5 OEMS/T OEMS RTAC Region 3 Region Six EMS Gwinnett Fire Department GTRI-AVLS Gold Cross Trauma Services at Navicent Health

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Terwilliger called the 12th of January 2017 meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum with 12 of 13 members present or by phone at the GPSTC in Forsyth, GA at 10:11 am. It is noted the conference line was unable to be set up due to the classroom structure the meeting was held in. For committee members to utilize the conference line, the call was transmitted via Mr. Terwilligers cell phone for those members on the phone to be able to participate.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2016 EMS Subcommittee meeting as written.

MOTION BY: Lana Duff

SECOND BY: Chad Black

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections, nor abstentions.

Mr. Terwilliger noted he typically does not make motions as chairmen and that during the December 2, 2016 meeting it is noted that he made motion 2016-12-02. Mr. Terwilliger intends to review the recording. *

Mr. Oliver had a question about the AVLS survey and we continued to talk about the list and whom the survey was sent to. Mr. Oliver says that in the minutes that 31% did not respond to the survey and his thoughts are that we sent to all EMS services in the state not just the 911 operating EMS agencies. Mr. Boone asked if it went to all EMS providers in the state. Ms. Abston believes the list was sent to a mixed audience and then forwarded by agency heads to additional service providers. Mr. Oliver noted that we learned when looking at the survey that to only reply if you have a need. Mr. Oliver requests that the 31% noted in the minutes applies to the targeted audience and not the entire state. The program is only designed for 911 zoned agencies and he requests the minutes to reflect this.

Mr. Terwilligers asks if it is appropriate to approve the minutes from 12-02-2016 or to approve the minutes as they stand and to input that the information is clarified in the next minute's meetings. Mr. Oliver says surveys of the future need to have a response required regardless of need so the percentage responding is accurately reflecting the intended target audience. Mr. Terwilligers notes we should proceed with approving the minutes and noted in the restating of this motion and once it is clarified as to if he made the motion and that the AVLS survey comments are also documented.

* Upon review of the recording from December 2, 2016 it was found that in regards to motion 2016-12-02 Mr. Terwilliger entertained the motion and there was a 2nd by Mr. Drawdy.

Discussion on AVLS & Technology Dates

Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Boone have been working on the AVLS and Technology dates. The AVLS dates were set for February 13th in Atlanta. Those that attend will pick up their AVLS equipment. On the 14th, the AVLS meeting is being held at GPSTC for training and is similar to the 13th. On the 15th, the AVLS meeting will be for the advanced AVLS technical training for people from around the state. On the 16th will be the Technology day. Mr. Terwilliger said Sierra Wireless will be present that day to talk about the system capabilities and he is looking for participants from GRU to look into ultrasound in the back of ambulances. Particularly this will transfer information to the trauma centers for injuries like a lacerated spleen and this can assist with activating surgical teams. Mr. Terwilliger is also interested in what Mr. Beamon has done with tablets and video cameras they are using for communications. Mr. Terwilliger still believes one day we can work with the triage tracking system and that there are a lot of capabilities we have not explored and we can send information to the hospitals. Mr. Terwilliger suspects this might be a medium to send sonograms as well.

Mr. Terwilliger says if you know of technology in your areas that may be helpful to the state please bring it to the group. Mr. Terwilliger asked if Mr. Beamon could bring his truck up on February 16th. Ms. Duff asked about that days agenda. Mr. Terwilliger says it will most likely be similar to a meeting day, beginning at 10 and ending around 2 P.M.

AVLS Program Discussion

Tim Boone has located one more AVLS unit at Georgia Tech and reports that we are replacing 91 units. There are several units (HO2 and HO4 models) that are not upgradeable, those are in Regions' Five and Six, and we are replacing those. There are 60 new AVLS units being set up, there are 2 to 3 agencies requesting some additional units, and Mr. Boone is confirming the parameters of their plan. Each agency will be required to attend either the Atlanta or GPSTC training in February to receive their new or replacement equipment. Mr. Boone says that turnover has caused some education issues that are lost in the transitions. The training dates will be essential for those agencies that need a program and AVL system review. There will be an actual ambulance brought to the training so we can look at how everything is wired and functions. Mr. Boone says some things we have found relate to power issues in the ambulances. Depending on how much equipment is being used at one time, it is possible for some to be kicked off the system due to limited power. Mr. Boone hopes that with Sierra Wireless we can understand the power stability issues and look at solutions. Mr. Boone asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Terwilliger noted that one agency had applied for more units for ambulances that were not operating as a 911-service provider. Mr. Terwilliger suspects this was just a misunderstanding and there is no issue. Mr. Boone sent the AVLS spreadsheet out so all agencies understand what they will be receiving. Mr. Terwilliger asks if there is a communication issue with the agencies. Mr. Boone says there has been a little issue but that agencies have until January 14th to send everything to Mr. Boone as well as sending the signed agreement.

EMS Equipment Grant

Ms. Abston updated the group on the EMS equipment grant. There were a lot of different questions so far. Ms. Abston needs to know of all questions and issues so she can answer them in a timely manner. If anyone has contacted you please forward those questions to Ms. Abston so she can respond. So far there has been some discrepancies from some agencies in how many 911 operating ambulances they have. Ms. Abston says there have been several agencies that have never participated prior to this year. The first

week of February Ms. Abston will meet with her staff to divide and conquer the list of applicants and those that have not applied and reach out to them to make sure they know they can participate. Once we have gathered those answers we can work on reallocating any funds that those agencies may decline by not participating to other agencies that are participating.

Mr. Oliver asked if this was done in the past. Mr. Oliver's council (Region Five) recalls that services were polled in the past to confirm numbers and participation. Mr. Oliver says (example) we are participating and have 10 ambulances, the total number, let's say is 100 and that is divided out so agencies knew the dollar amount they were getting prior to applying. There are projected amounts out there we (as agencies) get and so their question to Mr. Oliver was, what if there is less money than projected? Ms. Abston says there is not less money than projected. Ms. Abston says that after participation is confirmed, there will be additional funds to redistribute. Mr. Oliver indicated that this requires the agency to have 2 lists, one list for what is allocated, and one list for what they would purchase in addition. Ms. Abston says there is not that much additional funding that will be allocated. Mr. Oliver says that some in Region five are just intending to apply for more than their projected funding. Mr. Oliver says prior they were given a set amount and knew the funds they would receive. The new way to Mr. Oliver seems a little confusing. The old way was if you had 10 ambulances, you got \$ 10,000 per ambulance then the agencies would know their exact spending amount.

Mr. Terwilliger says that some of these trucks are MED trucks that we have not included these in the past. In the past they looked at 911 zoned trucks but they also have 10 to 15 trucks used for general transportation and he suspects those numbers are within the report. Ms. Abston told the group that OEMS/T, Mr. Doss audited the list and that is the list being used at this time. Mr. Terwilliger was concerned with the amounts given and that the agencies may need to re think their needs if they get additional funds. Ms. Abston asked if Mr. Terwilliger would not welcome additional money if it were granted. Mr. Terwilliger would welcome the additional funds but he would prefer to know the total grant amount up front so agencies can really buy what they want to buy. Mr. Beamon thinks his AP department will not be happy. Ms. Littleton said the same in regards to accounting. Mr. Carver asks Mr. Terwilliger if he can make the motion to move the EMS Equipment Grant funding back to GAEMS?

Mr. Beamon says that there are agencies in his Region that are not participating due to the AVLS requirements listed in the application. Ms. Abston says that she has had this question arise, that this particular stipulation is in all of the prior grants rolled out, and the AVLS grant as well. The EMS committee made that decision and Ms. Abston did not add nor detract from this application. Mr. Beamon indicates that he was not familiar with the AVLS requirement. Mr. Atkins says that when they involved GEMA that the AVLS question was a requirement. Mr. Terwilliger says he doesn't want to beat this up but if he was given a projected dollar amount and then he estimates he may get 15% more that these councils will have to go back and report on the additional funds. Ms. Abston said that the Subcommittee could decide on what they want to do with the residual funds. Ms. Abston is aware of agencies that have never applied before that want to apply now for this grant.

Mr. Oliver says from the outside looking in, the area he represents would like to know the dollar amount up front. Mr. Oliver says this would have been cleaner if the funds given were not a moving target. Mr. Oliver does understand the process but thinks this may take months as the process is presented. Mr. Terwilliger says in the past the grant was a 1-page document and then there was state office verification of the 911 operating ambulances. Mr. Oliver was asked if this was a competitive grant and the reasoning for the distance requirement questions. Ms. Abston says the questions presented on the grant application are really a way to gather data that is helpful to us. Ms. Abston reiterated that any questions presented in

regions can be sent to her, she is willing to answer them all but needs to be made aware of the issue and can handle them on a case by case basis.

Mr. Oliver reminded her that he and many in the room are the sounding boards for their regions and that when you get a group talking those that typically do not talk, begin to talk. Ms. Abston agreed and requested for all to please send any and all concerns her way. She reminded the group that this was their program as a group and that she was not a sole executor of this. Mr. Carver says his largest complaint heard in his area was that we went from a 1-page application to a 22-page application. (For record, the application is only 3 full pages, the additional information sent regarded the approved equipment lists). Mr. Carver says that if you wanted more information you should have just gone through GAEMS and let GAEMS administer the grant and then you would get the information requested. Ms. Abston let Mr. Carver know by keeping this grant in house she has saved \$90,000.00 that we can spend elsewhere in the EMS community.

Ms. Abston says she needs to move on and discuss those grant applications received that were asking for equipment beyond the two equipment approved lists. Mr. Terwilliger says there are two more things to address (1) being the state equipment list be included. Ms. Abston says the list from the state is within the packet and provided. Mr. Terwilliger says there may be some pediatric equipment on the trauma list that should not be included in this grant, as it does not relate to trauma. Ms. Abston agrees and let everyone know she sends all requests to be confirmed by Mr. Doss with OEMS/T.

Ms. Abston went over the applications for the grant she has received so far where they asked for equipment on neither approved list given with the grant application. Tattnall County is requesting for a HP300 Transport Ventilator. Mr. Terwilliger says this is a pretty high quality ventilator.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-02:

I make the motion to approve Tattnall County request to purchase an HP300 Transport Ventilator with the FY2017 EMS Equipment Grant funds.

MOTION BY: Blake Thompson

SECOND BY: David Moore

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

ACTION: The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Mr. Beamon needed additional clarification on the AVLS question on the grant. If they do not have the AVLS system they cannot apply for the equipment grant, correct. Ms. Abston said that is incorrect. The sole purpose for the question on the grant application is to see who is participating in the AVLS and who is not so she can get that information sent to Mr. Boone. Everyone should apply and Ms. Abston will bring all back to the committee and present on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Beamon says one in his area does not participate in AVLS and Ms. Abston mentioned that Gwinnett County does not use AVLS but is still welcome to apply for grant funding and all will be brought back to the Subcommittee for approval.

Ms. Abston says that David Bauch is here from South Georgia Medical Center and he has requested 4-Dell Lap Top computers and his intention is to use those for the PCR's.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-03:

I make the motion to approve South Georgia Medical Center request to purchase 4 Dell Laptop Tough Books with the FY2017 EMS Equipment Grant funds.

MOTION BY: Jimmy Carver

SECOND BY: Chad Black

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

ACTION: The motion **PASSED** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Ms. Abston has a request from Barrow County to purchase video laryngoscopy equipment.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-04:

I make the motion to approve Barrow County EMS request to purchase video laryngoscopy equipment with the FY2017 EMS Equipment Grant funds.

MOTION BY: Paul Beamon

SECOND BY: Huey Atkins

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

ACTION: The motion **PASSED** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Ms. Abston lastly discussed the AVLS participation and the application grant mentioned earlier. Gwinnett County is requesting grant funding and they do not use the state AVLS system. Ms. Abston opened the floor to ask all members if they wanted to approve those that do not use the state AVLS to allow them to participate in the equipment grant programs. Mr. Terwilliger rephrased the proposal to the group asking if the group did want to allow participation. Mr. Beamon asked if those that do not use the state AVLS can we see their ambulances in the system they currently use. Mr. Atkins said for the purpose of discussion he would make a motion.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-05:

I make the motion to approve services that do not participate in the state AVLS to be eligible for the EMS Equipment Grant funding for purposes of discussion.

MOTION BY: Huey Atkins

SECOND BY: Jimmy Carver

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

ACTION: The motion **PASSED** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Members continue the AVLS/ Equipment grant discussion. Mr. Carver says in the past all have been eligible (911 services) to participate in the equipment grants. Mr. Atkins said he thought the purpose of the participation question was to make sure we were not paying for their AVLS time if they were not using the state system. The equipment grant has always gone to all 911 providers in the past.

OEMS/T Report

Mr. Wages with OEMS/T discussed the office relocation that is ongoing. They are not as paper burdened as their previous moves thanks to current technology available to us. It looks as a move date of March 10th is set but this is subject to change. The mail is his largest concern in regards to the move and the expiration of license and the need to get those in early if necessary. Mr. Wages says to please contact him or anyone in his office if you run into license expiring during the projected move time.

Mr. Wages is working on the GEMSIS 2.2.1 to 3.4 upgrade. He thinks 2018 will be a great year for data but 2017 will be a tough one. Mr. Terwilliger asked if Gold Cross would be piloting this. Mr. Wages says they are inputting information but he is not sure if they are piloting it or not. The 2.2.1 is not merge able

with the 3.4 upgrade so Mr. Wages says anyone asking for data will get 2 reports this year until everything is integrated. Mr. Terwilliger said it was a good idea to go back to your regions and discuss the GEMSIS upgrade and the possible need to purchase new technology. You can check on the NEMSIS website to confirm compatibility and if the vendor is not 3.4 compatible you will not be able to import data.

Mr. Wages says on the national level they are proceeding with a national scope of practice revision for all levels of EMT's, we are unsure how this will turn out but the process will be going forward and our association will be managing it and there will be national contributors and ambulance and ems associations so keep your eye out for that. Then there is EMS agenda 2050 this relates to the EMS agenda for the future written in the 1990's. It will be a revision to the original plus new ideas and Red Horse out of San Diego who were awarded the contract will drive this project. Mr. Wages says he hates to brag on Georgia, but things are going well here and we all should be proud.

Lunch Break 11:15 AM to 12:04 PM

GAEMS Update

Ms. Littleton reported by fiscal year. Funding is part GAEMS contract and part through the Foundation. The 2014 contract, all deliverables have been met and complete. This includes Leadership, First Responder Courses, Equipment Grant, Trauma Equipment, PHTLS, TECC, Triage Program, and the purchase of the triage tags. Ms. Littleton reported the remainder of the EVOC course for FY14, there is a 2-day course that has taken place in Rockdale County, and they will invoice for that. Ms. Littleton reports she is currently finishing the child safety passenger invoice to submit. The EMS redesign and Georgia Southern phase 1 complete with swat analysis and there is invoicing to finish up on this. MOOLAGE course, and advanced MOOLAGE course was completed last week, there is need for some purchase of disposable equipment. For 2015 all deliverables have been met for those classes, triage program and the tags were also part of 2015 to meet the demand for that along with the completion of the telemedicine job. The PHTLS trauma courses last in their series for 2015 funding and next week that will be complete and we will invoice for those. EVOC training classes there is still additional money available for 2015 as they are just wrapping up 2014. EMS redesign, there is some question about the funding moving from the leadership alumni line item which we will discuss further.

The trauma equipment grant, there was \$ 70,000 in residual that was moved to fund extrication courses in 4 areas. The last courses for 2015 EMR classes are about finished. The GEMSIS project is going and there is a need for 2 additional meetings to be planned and executed. Leadership alumni, questions of purchased AV equipment in this category. The Foundation was invoiced a total of \$ 60,213.00 and included the admin fees in there. For 2016 we have completed the 2016 leadership course and graduated over a 6-year period a total of 128 students but we currently do not have a MOU in place to invoice for these funds. As a part of a 2016 contract we have 17 PHTLS courses, are looking statewide, and will begin with a survey. TECC there are 3 classes completed so far in Habersham, Albany, and Statesboro and there is a waiting list on this class. No activity to report on EVOC at this time or child passenger. Triage Bags have all been distributed there is additional funding for EMS Instructor Program for a class of 24 instructors all of this is pending action on the MOU. Several items are pending based on the MOU. Ms. Littleton asked if there are any questions.

Mr. Thompson asked if the EVOC classes were local and how many students and Ms. Littleton says they are state wide and there are 24 spots. She wanted to personally thank Mr. Atkins for his EMS groups help. Mr. Beamon asked if we understand what the hold up with the MOU is. Ms. Littleton says she does not. Mr. Thompson asked how the EVOC class is and what feedback they have received. Mr. Thompson asked if the students drive the trucks and Ms. Littleton confirmed they do drive the trucks. Ms. Littleton says one of the challenges is that they contract with McNeil & Company and they are trying to get it to a point where there are instructors trained across the state. Ms. Littleton says there is only a certain amount of instructors allowed to teach the 2nd day of the program. Mr. Terwilliger says a lot of items worked on over the years were done professionally and looked at GAAP analysis and the work was done with Georgia Tech and GEMA and where our needs were around the state. Mr. Thompson had one additional request to send that class schedule for EMT Instructors to him. Ms. Littleton says she has a date set for the course but items need to be tidied up prior to going forward with that.

Mr. Terwilliger asked if Mr. Fletcher was able to get back on the call. Mr. Terwilliger confirmed that Mr. Quinones was still on the phone. Mr. Terwilliger asked since Mr. Fletcher was not on the call if anyone else would like to give an update for the Foundation in his absence. Ms. Abston did let the Subcommittee know that the MOU requested was approved on the Commissions' side.

Mr. Terwilliger said an item not on the agenda but required some heavy lifting was beginning. A year or two ago, Mr. Terwilliger requested the funding go to the Foundation and that was done to ease a problem between the Commission and Mr. Terwilliger due to a potential conflict of interest by being on the chair of GAEMS. The Commission elected several years ago to ask AG's office and it was confirmed that there was a conflict of interest as chair of GAEMS. This made it difficult to sign a contract with GAEMS. Mr. Terwilliger was also a member of the Foundation and this became very difficult on many levels as the house speaker appointed him and they did not understand nor did Mr. Terwilliger why this was the only question the Commission had as far as conflict interest.

Mr. Terwilliger says we have had difficulties getting the work done through the Foundation. Mr. Terwilliger has offered to meet with Mr. Fletcher several times this week and conference calls to figure out where we are. Currently, GAEMS taught the leadership class in 2016 and we do not have an MOA to even bill for that so the Association is in a lurch of about \$100,000.00. Then trauma triage and treatment bags are another concern. Mr. Terwilliger doesn't know anywhere else in the country doing these bags. He has advised colleagues to leave the jump bag and take their triage and treatment bags with them as they have everything needed for that bad car accident or a gunshot wound to the chest. We probably should not have had a contract to build them and ship them until we had a signed contract with the Foundation to pay for them. Mr. Terwilliger said in May when this scope of work was done we thought for certain we would have a contract for them in the time needed to pay them in a timely manner. Just two weeks ago we finally received those funds to pay that vendor. Those were paid for about two weeks ago and literally we were almost under threat of a lawsuit with the vendor. We are trying to get a contract for the Leadership Program for 2017 but at this point we are not there yet, the Association would like us to be able to have that contract. There are a lot of people in this room that have knowledge of these issues and if everyone has anything to say that I may be saying different, wrong, or incorrect, particularly members of the group, now is the time to speak up.

Mr. Beamon says GAEMS has financed all these 2016 projects well before the 2016 contract was ever executed. So the leadership classes that just finished were done solely on the backbone of GAEMS without any financial support and we are not able to bill for that without an MOU. Mr. Beamon thanked Ms. Abston for clearing up her end. Mr. Beamon asked if the MOU for the Foundation and GAEMS had been sent to board members in the room. Mr. Oliver nor Mr. Black say they have not seen this yet. Mr.

Terwilliger asked Dr. Ashley and Ms. Abston and Mr. Drawdy to meet, they did, and they cleared up some things. Dr. Ashley did commit that if we suggested a way to do this that he would go along with our suggestion. So Mr. Terwilliger is interested in doing something, we have had conference calls with members of the Foundation and about two weeks ago maybe three weeks ago now Mr. Terwilliger sent out something to the executives on the Foundation to please load out the MOA's/ MOU on the leadership course so we can get these items paid for. Mr. Terwilliger says they have already sent out 2017 leadership class letters but if you have read the letter it is contingent on the funding. As of two weeks ago, there is no vote scheduled and Mr. Terwilliger does not see anything changing rapidly for that agreement.

Mr. Moore asked what direction do we need to go. Mr. Terwilliger says he would prefer not to say but does have an opinion. Mr. Atkins says if Ms. Abston says the MOU has been sent and you say the MOU has not been received, where is the problem. Mr. Terwilliger did not say it had not been received but says that it has not been voted on. Mr. Oliver says he has not seen it but cannot speak for Mr. Black to clarify. Mr. Terwilliger said one thing that came clear from the meeting we had, there was some back and forth about the scope of work and the back and forth as well as the attorney general hold up on contracts which we later found out was not the case. Mr. Terwilliger reports that Ms. Abston sent the scope of work to Mr. Fletcher in late May. And it was August when it came back with the edits. Mr. Terwilliger reports that Ms. Abston said the first round began in late May. Mr. Terwilliger says it took 4 months to do this and during that time frame they had already purchased the bags and began sending them out.

Mr. Moore asks if the problem lies with the Foundation. Mr. Terwilliger says the problem is not with the Foundation but may be with certain members and their not moving quickly. Mr. Atkins asked about the conflict of interest for Mr. Terwilliger, is it because he is a member of the Commission and that you are the chair of GAEMS so now you are not the chairman of GAEMS anymore so what is the conflict of interest? Mr. Terwilliger says it still exists and that he has made comment to Dr. Ashley and Ms. Abston if he needs to remove himself from GAEMS he will but he also told them he would not go quietly into the night. Mr. Terwilliger has another option that he intends to present to the Commission and hopes to be able to send out several days before they meet. It is a policy that other organization use that may have conflict, hospital authorities have used for decades, it may or may not resolve the issue but it will have to go to the Attorney General's office. Mr. Terwilliger says that directors or department leads or state government can ask the attorney general for an opinion. Mr. Wages told Mr. Terwilliger they are officially called memorandums of advice. Mr. T says we may go back and look at that, this came up in our hospital as in a little town the guy that was on the hospital board was also the local lumber yard. So a policy was created that stated the conflict and the attorney seemed to be ok with that. Having said that, Mr. T will resign from GAEMS if that is what I need to do.

Mr. Atkins asked if there is anything to push the Foundation along. Mr. Terwilliger says he has made all effort he knows how and sent that request to the executive committee and Mr. Fletcher has not been in touch with Mr. Terwilliger. Several Foundation board members have requested a meeting via text message or e-mail with Mr. Fletcher and to ask about what is going on.

Mr. Moore asked if we could perhaps change the direction that the funding is going in. Could the funding go back to GAEMS from the Foundation? Will that clean up the process and speed things up? Mr. Terwilliger says in his opinion, yes it would. Mr. Atkins says that is what needs to be cleared up since Mr. Terwilliger sits on the board. So he will need to get clarity to remain on the board or resign from the board. Mr. Terwilliger says take him out of the equation and decide what needs to go on and what direction do we go.

Mr. Beamon says in dealing with and trying to get things paid by Ms. Abston it would speed things up tremendously. There is plenty of documentation to show how long we wait on things and months of delays when asking for invoices. Mr. Beamon asked Ms. Littleton to confirm the items we are waiting on and the items we are unable to be reimbursed for. The 2016 contract deliverables, most of the items were completed prior to a signed contract, is that not correct? Mr. Beamon does believe it will speed things up and GAEMS is doing the work and work directly with Ms. Abstons office. The work will be delivered in a timely manner as promised.

Mr. Moore asks if we make a motion today and it passes and then someone decides that you have a conflict of interest (speaking of Mr. Terwilliger). Mr. Terwilliger says he will resolve that. Mr. Moore understands that but can the support of this group and GAEMS that if you (Mr. Terwilliger) have a conflict, can we find out who else has a conflict? Mr. Terwilliger says Dr. Ashley has been an honest team player and that is why he created the EMS Subcommittee so the EMS community has a voice. Dr. Ashley stands by that and will continue to support the EMS Subcommittee. Mr. Moore asked if the Subcommittee is assuring funds are being spent appropriately. Mr. Moore says it is just as important that the people that provide the services are being reimbursed in a timely manner and a year is a long time.

Mr. Oliver says it was unfortunate that Mr. Fletcher could not stay on the call. Mr. Oliver doubts the executive committee would think they are not being represented on the call. Brandon texted Mr. Oliver and says he is on the call. And is having connection issues as he can hear us but we cannot hear him. Mr. Oliver calls Mr. Fletcher to get him on the phone. Mr. Atkins asks if the Foundation feels any priority to these items. Mr. Fletcher has been trying to remain on the call all day and is having technical issues.

Mr. Fletcher was able to get on the line. He says the MOU is in process for invoicing. Mr. Terwilliger says there has been question about the timeliness of the MOU and the scope of work and contractual arrangements to get work done. Mr. Fletcher is in the process of looking through the MOU to get to the board. There are some things to work out between Foundation members to get out the MOU's. Where we are at with the Foundation as we have a conflict of interest policy that dates back to when you were the chair and we have to get that worked out, especially the shared board members between GAEMS and the Foundation and we have to get that cleared up prior to any work done between the Foundations. There is a delay to work through as we have a long time standing policy that we may be in violation of.

Mr. Fletcher has sent out a doodle poll to establish a conference call to get that worked out within the next two weeks. Mr. Beamon asked when this was brought to your attention about the conflict of interest. Mr. Beamon says we just had a conference call and this was not brought up. Mr. Fletcher wants to look into the executive side and he is working on a legal opinion of this situation and if there is no issue than we will go back to business as usual but we have to have this worked out prior.

Mr. Beamon asks who is all on the Foundation? Mr. Fletcher asked Mr. Terwilliger to repeat his second question he asked. Mr. Terwilliger says it was a question about the next scheduled conference call or meeting. Mr. Fletcher says a doodle poll to schedule a call will be sent out. Mr. Atkins says the longer this drags out the more difficult it is for vendors owed money. Mr. Fletcher asked if there was a specific vendor anyone is speaking of. Mr. Beamon says the training AV equipment. Mr. Terwilliger discussed the e-mail he sent out a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Fletcher says the conflict of interest is at play and there needs to be a legal opinion as there are members that if he is reading the organizational policy correctly may be in violation of the conflict of interest policy. There are things Mr. Fletcher was just made aware of, he received a lot of recent updated files, and these items have to be taken care of to make sure our policy is followed.

Mr. Fletcher is asked again who all is on the Foundation board. He names them all- himself, Mr. Garrison, Mr. White, Ms. Peebles-Hollis, Mr. Swafford, Mr. Skull, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Henry, Ms. Grabenstein, Mr. Cowart, Ms. Hill, Mr. Black, and Mr. Moore noting you can tell by those I named off, there are a lot of conflicts of interest as six are shared GAEMS board members. Mr. Terwilliger says he has read the same policy Mr. Fletcher is speaking of and does not think that there is a conflict of interest as long as there is no financial profiting of the board members. Mr. Fletcher is not trying to create a delay but as chair of the Foundation board it is his responsible to make sure business is being conducted as the policy states. As chairman it is his responsibility to get this cleared up. If there is an audit down the road and the conflict of interest is brought up then, and we never addressed it now, we could be in trouble and we need to take care of it now and move on with business.

Mr. Beamon asked if it is a conflict of interest than how does it work with the Foundations published website where Mr. Fletcher has his extrication program on the website and is doing that through the Foundation. Mr. Terwilliger says he would not like to talk the yin and yang about that and is not going down that road. Mr. Fletcher says he has heard a lot in the past couple of days about the extrication web page and he wants to ask the group what is question with that. Mr. T says that work has nothing to do with this group. Mr. Fletcher says that website is in direct support of the extrication project that is in direct support of the Commission. Mr. Fletcher has heard lots of strange comments over the past couple of days about this. Mr. Terwilliger says he is willing to drive to Ben-Hill County to discuss but that is not a part of this Subcommittee so we don't need to talk about it today. Mr. Fletcher said he would like the record to reflect he did inquire on the deliverables and items needed from the group.

Mr. Atkins had a question, has an opinion been given on the conflict of interest? Mr. Fletcher says everything is with an attorney right now and should know in a few days. Mr. Atkins says business should be going as normal right now until you are told that it is a conflict of interest, is that not correct. Mr. Fletcher says other than the AV equipment what else are we waiting on? Mr. Fletcher says he is waiting on information still from GAEMS to get those invoices processed with the Commission for work done under the 2016 contract and there is nothing stopping that cart right now. We could be working on these items on our end and then after we get the legal opinion we can process the invoices from GAEMS. Ms. Littleton says this is not true and doesn't know what information Mr. Fletcher is waiting on. Mr. Fletcher says it will take 2 to 3 weeks to get those invoices processed. We could be working on that on this end right now. Mr. Terwilliger says there are differences of opinions in this room. Mr. Beamon asked what specific information was needed from GAEMS was Mr. Fletcher in need of. Mr. Terwilliger says Mr. Fletcher specifically told him we needed an MOA signed so we can bill the Commission for the leadership class. Mr. Fletcher says this is not how that worked. That MOA is to allow the money to move from the Foundation to GAEMS. But Mr. Fletcher needs some project specific information from GAEMS. Ms. Littleton says she wants to know what information is needed from GAEMS. There is some information I still need from GAEMS to get this done. Mr. Terwilliger says after a discussion with Mr. Fletcher it appears we have a conflict of interest in every darn part of our world.

Mr. Terwilliger says anyone in the trauma business is going to have some conflict of interest but it was designed that way. The speaker of the house and lieutenant governor and governor put the members of the Commission are put on there because they have the vested interest of the trauma system. Some work for hospitals and get money, some work for private services and get money and Mr. Terwilliger says it appears Mr. Fletcher's opinion. Mr. Fletcher interrupts Mr. Terwilliger to ask for the record it not be said that this is solely Mr. Fletcher's opinion and to note that there are others that share this same opinion which is why they have asked for legal advice to clear this up and get back to conducting business. Mr. Fletcher understands Mr. Terwilligers frustration and he is aggravated as well. Mr. Fletcher reminded the

group it is their job to get these funds in the hands of our EMS service providers and this is the whole name of the game. With all of these delays we are not being effective in our mission but this has to be done appropriately and correctly.

Mr. Terwilliger says he is kind of in the middle and is hearing different things at different times. One of the things he asked at his recent meeting with Dr. Ashley, Ms. Abston, and Mr. Drawdy was about the contract and Ms. Abston says Mr. Terwilliger was given the impression that the Attorney General office was the hold up. Mr. Terwilliger reported that Ms. Abston said that was not the case, the scope of work had gone back to Mr. Fletcher in March and that Ms. Abston did not get back with edits until August. Ms. Abston corrected Mr. Terwilliger and said that she told him she had received edits in late May as well as in August. Mr. Terwilliger says she did not say that at that meeting with Dr. Ashley, himself, and Mr. Drawdy. Ms. Abston says that yes she did say that and she also said it earlier today at this meeting. It was confirmed by several in the room that she did say it earlier today. Mr. Terwilliger said he stood corrected.

In November, Mr. Terwilliger asked Mr. Fletcher if the contract was finished. Mr. Terwilliger was desperately trying to get the contract as they were being threatened with legal action from the triage bag manufacturer. A week or two later at our Subcommittee meeting I asked again if we had a signed contract and Mr. Fletcher said no, that Ms. Abston had pulled the contract back. Mr. Terwilliger specifically asked back and Mr. Fletcher says that is not the case, that Ms. Abston did not pull the contract back. There will just be an agreement to disagree on that said Mr. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher says there was grammatical errors and items to be corrected and changed and face-to-face told Mr. Terwilliger this and he did have that contract at that time. Once Mr. Fletcher reviewed it and requested some corrections it was sent out. Mr. Terwilliger said never mind and said he sees two ways we can handle this at this point. We can continue to do the work through the Foundation or move the money back to GAEMS. Ms. Abston said there is a third choice and that the Commission can just keep all that funding in house and does all the programs. Mr. Terwilliger asked her to repeat herself, and if she would like to come do her talk.

Ms. Abston says if the EMS Subcommittee supports the efforts through the Commission then it can roll out directly from the Commission and not be contracted anywhere. Ms. Abston says this will be no Administration Fee's, no retail tax charges, and potential government pricing from vendors – but all of this will require EMS support to do this. Ms. Abston says it is clear she would not have all of the EMS Subcommittee's support. Mr. Terwilliger said that would be an accurate statement. For the record Ms. Abston would like it noted that none of this contracting process would take place if the Commission kept it all in house. Mr. Terwilliger says that GAEMS is working with the ASPR group for five years and they have never had a hiccup. ASPR gives a scope of work; there are deliverables and then a check. Everything has gone really smooth with them.

Mr. Thompson asked about the Foundation board and wanted to know why it is going to them for approval. The Foundation manages the contract says Mr. Terwilliger. Mr. Thompson wants to know how to get on that board. Mr. Terwilliger is not trying to be a butt but he feels that all issues are now on the table. Mr. Terwilliger would entertain a motion as he has other things to accomplish today. Mr. Carver wanted to make a motion about the funding moving from the Foundation to GAEMS.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-04

I make the motion to open discussion that funding go back to GAEMS from the at this point forward.

MOTION BY: Jimmy Carver

SECOND BY: Blake Thompson

VOTING: All members present voted

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections, nor abstentions.

Mr. Terwilliger asks if there is any other discussion. Mr. Fletcher says not to be of hindrance but are those that are shared board members abstaining from this vote. Mr. Terwilliger says he will do this, he will ask the GAEMS members to identify themselves but stands in direct opposition to you on the concept that because they are committed to the EMS profession and serve on that board that they are somehow tainted by that. Mr. Fletcher says for Mr. Terwilliger to not take this the wrong way but he feels words are being put into his mouth that he said nothing of the likes of anyone being tainted and he is just trying to run a clean business Mr. Fletcher believes that all of the members in the room and the visitors as well have the best interest of the EMS community at heart. Mr. Terwilliger apologized. Mr. Fletcher said it just seemed like Mr. Terwilliger was insinuating there was something wrong with GAEMS board members and that was clearly not what we said. Mr. Fletcher reminded Mr. Terwilliger that there they both share some board members.

Mr. Quinones says we need to do this right. Is it possible to get members of the Subcommittee and have a meeting to discuss what is the best avenue to take and see what is most streamlined and ethical way at this point and do this correctly? We need no egg on our face. It is not a bad idea that as a group we are charged with what is the best way to distribute these dollars. Whether it is by GAEMS or the foundation or something totally different we need to do what is right. Mr. Drawdy says with the issue at hand that he has no problem with these funds coming back in house to the Commission. Mr. Drawdy is aware that that is the unpopular choice but there are issues that need to be worked out between GAEMS and the Foundation. Mr. Oliver says he doesn't think (speaking for himself personally, not Region Five) that the recent EMS equipment grant process is not smooth like it has been in years past. Mr. Oliver does think it is a good idea to look further into this, step back today, and maybe make a decision around technology day, which is about 30 days out. Mr. Oliver doesn't believe 30 days will cripple anything further and there are items to be hammered out. We are discussing 2017 dollars that voting today or voting in February is not going to change the outcome. There is not urgency on funding today. Ms. Littleton says there is urgency as the leadership class is a part of 2017 funding. Mr. Oliver says than the leadership course will get a late start. Mr. Oliver says there is a lot of emotion in the room and he is not sure we currently have all the facts to vote today. We are in discussion so that is Mr. Oliver's comment.

Mr. Carver says he agrees that the equipment grant funding has not been smooth. Mr. Drawdy reminded the group that this is Ms. Abston's first grant she is running through the Commission and things may not be smooth but her focus was to save you all money and she has already saved money. Mr. Drawdy says Ms. Abston's focus was to get additional funds back into the EMS community and that everyone should welcome that.

Mr. Wages says the OEMS/T office was not as helpful as their original intent. Mr. Wages requested from Mr. Doss some information for Ms. Abston, he did not make his wishes clear to Mr. Doss so Ms. Abston ended up with not all the information she needed, and Mr. Wages takes responsibility for that. Mr. Wages says Ms. Abston naturally thought what she got from OEMS/T was what she was supposed to get. And what she received was not what she needed. Mr. Wages says if there is blame to place over the original list and the beginning of this grant to blame him. He spoke then of the tone, the blame, and the criticism going around the room today and that none of that is productive. Mr. Atkins says he knows the people in the room are working with the best interest of the EMS community naming Ms. Abston, Ms. Littleton, and others and their efforts. Mr. Terwilliger says the thing that bothers him the most is that there was a

process in play and then this conflict of interest has come about and he is frustrated that the process is not working well now.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-05

I make the motion that 2017 funding and the contractual agreement go back to GAEMS from the foundation.

MOTION BY: David Moore

SECOND BY: Chad Black

VOTING: All members present voted, 5 voted in favor (Chad Black, David Moore, Paul Beamon, Jimmy Carter, Courtney Terwilliger all voted in favor of the motion) while 7 opposed (Vic Drawdy, Lana Duff, Pete Quinones, Lee Oliver, Huey Atkins, Blake Thompson, Brandon Fletcher all voted in opposition of the motion)

ACTION: The motion ***FAILED***.

Mr. Drawdy asked Mr. Oliver if the members that may have a potential conflict of interest should abstain from the vote. Mr. Oliver says he is not including that in his motion as if we get down into it there are several potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Oliver says Mr. Drawdy is welcome to vote down the motion and make his own. Mr. Fletcher says as the foundation chair he would like the opportunity to put what all is going on in our world on the table in front of the GAEMS and Foundation and Commission as some of us do not know what we do and what all there is going on. Mr. Terwilliger says Mr. Fletcher will be a part of that group. Mr. Oliver says we are driving forward and discussing 2017 and 2018 so we are saying it is not working now so we need to get a plan together for going forward. Mr. Drawdy says as long as all in this Subcommittee of the Subcommittee considers all processes brought forward. Mr. Terwilliger says we may need a special meeting on this. Mr. Oliver recommends having this completed by technology day. Mr. Fletcher asked if we were discussing 2017 funding as he is having a hard time hearing due to the conference call complications. Mr. Fletcher has one question about the approval of this Subcommittee and with the upcoming Commission meeting do we need to make this happen quickly?

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-06:

I make the motion to develop a Subcommittee appointed by this Subcommittee to explore the options in regards to future funding and contracts and come back to the next EMS Subcommittee meeting with a recommendation for the group.

MOTION BY: Lee Oliver

SECOND BY: Pete Quinones

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

ACTION: The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Mr. Terwilliger will get to work setting up the new Subcommittee of the Subcommittee and it will include Mr. Drawdy, Ms. Abston, Mr. Fletcher, himself. Ms. Abston reminded that you couldn't establish quorum unless you want to make it an official meeting. Mr. Terwilliger says if you have a certain percentage of those members that we will need to go through the correct process to include the 48-hour disclosure of the meeting. Everyone was ok with this and Mr. Terwilliger will get to work.

Mr. Terwilliger handed out the FY2018 funding document. Ms. Abston was asked about the Governor's budget and there were no new funds grants to the Commission. Mr. Terwilliger asked about the firecracker money. Ms. Abston explained that nothing is finalized on that front but it looks like monthly

deposits of that revenue when that does begin. Mr. Terwilliger says sometime in late March or early April we will know the exact dollars coming to EMS. Mr. Terwilliger wants all members to take this back to their regions and work this out and tell them this is how we have done it in the past and here are things we will do in the future and if there are any items one would want to take out from what we have done. Mr. Terwilliger said in the weeks ahead they would try to meet with GEMA on some funding. Mr. Atkins asked if there was an update in regards to the child's safety seat program and it was confirmed that all monies are spent and the equipment is at GPSTC and that word needs to get out to the services on this. If this initiative will overlap the grant then we need to work fast. Mr. Terwilliger says the concept of this may not be finished in 60 days and Mr. Fletcher agrees with that statement. Mr. Fletcher will get with Mr. Doss about this and get back to the group. Mr. Oliver confirms what Mr. Fletcher is saying in regards to OEMS/T and at a recent Region Five meeting this was all confirmed. Some funds came from this Subcommittee and some funds came from EMS-C. Mr. Fletcher will ask Mr. Doss to identify a timeline. Maybe we can send something out to our EMS agencies about this so they do not spend the money they have with the current equipment grant if they will be getting what they need from EMS-C. Mr. Atkins would like EMS to do the survey and if there is a shortfall maybe we can consider that in the FY2018 funding. Mr. Fletcher agrees with this.

Mr. Terwilliger asked if there was any new business. Mr. Thompson says in 2018 we will we consider vehicle grants? No was the consensus.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2017-1-07:
I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: Lee Oliver

SECOND BY: Huey Atkins

VOTING: All members present voted in favor of motion.

ACTION: The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:33 P.M

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