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EMS Subcommittee on Trauma
Georgia Public Safety Complex
Forsyth , Georgia
Classroom 113
Monday August 5, 2019

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Courtney Terwilliger, Chairman, GTC Vic Drawdy, GTC Representative Regina Medeiros–GTC Representative <i>(Conference Line)</i> Carlton Firestone – Region One <i>(Conference Line)</i> Chad Black – Region Two Sam Polk- Region Four Lee Oliver – Region Five Blake Thompson – Region Six Jimmy Carver-Region Seven <i>(Conference Line)</i> Huey Atkins – Region Ten	Pete Quinones - Region Three David Edwards- Region Eight David Moore- Region Nine

OTHERS	REPRESENTING
Billy Kunkle Tim Boone David Newton Renee Morgan Dewayne Morgan Kim Littleton Anthony Grimaldi (<i>Conference Line</i>)	Georgia Trauma Commission, Staff AVLS OEMST OEMST GEMSA Clayton County Fire

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Terwilliger called the 5th of August 2019 meeting of the EMS Subcommittee on Trauma to order and established quorum with 9 of 13 members present or by conference line at the Georgia Public Safety Training Complex in Forsyth, Georgia at 11:03 A.M.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-08-01:

I make the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held June 3, 2019.

MOTION BY: Chad Black

SECOND BY: Vic Drawdy

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

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

AVLS Report

By: Tim Boone

Mr. Boone’s AVLS report is attached to the end of the minutes (**Attachment A**). Not many changes reported 1345/971. Hall County has some that are moving away from AVLS, at this time we have not convinced them to participate. They believe it takes too much time to keep up with equipment. Franklin County is not covered by any other AVLS. Lumpkin was questioned to be covered by AVLS. Mr. Boone will have to talk to them face to face. If units are in Lumpkin they are not in use. This is not as complete as he would like it but pretty good coverage across the state. Jeff Davis has not been heard from on AVLS. Cherokee County is sticking with its own system. Navicent is purchasing their own equipment and they are installing and will use our AMM but they will pay their own equipment and air time. Mr. Boone is sending out and tracking the duplication. Mr. Terwilliger asked if it were fair to say 5 counties in Georgia are unable to

have wifi in their trucks to be equipped with AVLS. Mr. Boone said that may be too high. Mr. Terwilliger asked if Mr. Boone would reach out to those 5 counties. Data transmission is important to our system. MR. Boone reported that 7 trucks for Fayette County are now turned on to AVLS. Mr. Boone is working on long term (4 year) budget assuming the MG90's stay on technology wise. Mr. Boone is thinking of a newsletter to have communication with agencies and draft that this week. Mr. Boone has some points of contact that are who he refers agencies to for tech support. Peachtree City is up and running on all 5 trucks. Mr. Boone suspects the new MG90's are working well.

Mr. Terwilliger discussed the new thermometers in his truck that are set to alert when it is too hot or cold or when the battery is low. The thermometers (via Island Tech) are \$ 109. It is possible that with those and a cable to do the telemetry (OBD cable) that costs an average of \$ 75.00. Mr. Boone asked if they could apply to use equipment grant funds to purchase the AVLS telemetry equipment. If an agency is equipped with MG90 then the cable is all you need for the telemetry piece. It was discussed that the item would need to be added to the approved equipment list.

Georgia Trauma Commission Report

By: Billy Kunkle

Mr. Kunkle reported that Ms. Liz Atkins will begin on September 3rd as the new Executive director. There have been some implemented changes in the office and we are working on our purchasing process and budget side of things with DPH. The next Commission meeting is August 15th at the King and Prince. Mr. Kunkle has been named as Deputy Director. Mr. Terwilliger mentioned Dr. Bulger at the keynote speaker at the conference in Savannah and she is lead surgeon for American College of Surgeon and pre hospital care. Mr. Terwilliger suggests all that can get to see her speak.

AFY19 Supplemental Budget

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger reviewed the AFY19 supplemental budget. Working on some trauma skills labs with one in Swainsboro in January. Mr. Terwilliger covered the Axion of Leadership course, the Arbinger Institute, and the EMT online training pilot project. Mr. Boone will be assisting with this pilot. It is our intent to finish this and know what works and what does not. Farm Medic/Extrication are in process of scheduling some of the courses now and \$ 12,000.00 in equipment to host the Farm Medic training. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Mr. Black is working to get a class established. Mr. Black says the state appropriated \$1million through Dept of Public Safety and are working to get this new suicide lesson plan , There will be no cost for the training. As art of the \$ 1million they will hire regional staff, like a regional training officer. Ms. Littleton wants to ass about farm medical equipment, with farm medic it is a lot more hand tools which is not something ever acquired before. There were no questions.

FY20 Budget

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Mr. Terwilliger presented the FY20 EMS Budget reviewing line for line items. As currently presented there is \$1.4 million to allocate. Mr. Black discussed having whole blood in regional areas. He had recently seen a presentation and there is a pilot project that if approved would EMS subcommittee consider funding the pilot. Mr. Terwilliger suggests waiting for the amended FY20 budget or FY21. It was discussed that this would be a good regional improvement grant. Mr. Black says one region to begin the pilot project and once results are proven we need to get this service into rural areas without trauma centers. Discussion of the driver simulation course and the cost is suspected to be around \$ 21,000 for basic simulator and costs increase from there. Mr. Atkins asked if we should appoint a small group to look at these items. This simulator program is out of Washington, D.C. Discussion of hosting in Habersham to look into the simulator course. Hosting an EMS meeting so we can see the presentation. There are two outstanding items: Regional Improvement grants, and Trauma Equipment grants. Mr. Oliver asked if we were to have regional improvement grants would we use the same amount as last time which was \$ 46,000 per region. It was decided we would keep \$200,000 in TECC courses. Mr. Oliver asked about EMS priority in these courses. Ms. Littleton says that the majority of these have been EMS providers with not a lot of law enforcement. Mr. Firestone says his courses are lifted to DART members but that they are doing them in his region. Mr. Oliver asks how many classed \$200,000 fund? Ms. Littleton says course costs are averaging around \$ 8,000.00 a course and depend on facility fees, etc. It is the intent that we have our own cadre of instructors for these courses. There are 24 students in each course with the fewest enrolled at 18. There is no reported no shows with 100% participation. MS. Smith regarding regional instructors that it drives the cost down of her classes by utilizing regional course teachers. Mr. Drawdy suggested \$ 450,000 in regional system improvement grants and around \$ 943,000 in equipment grants.

In Region 5 a motion was made and approved by the council wanted to ask for the EMS subcommittee to approve any disposable equipment and the intent in asking was that the state requires disposable equipment. If we change the state list we would have to eliminate those. Mr. Drawdy is so thankful for the equipment list helps the smaller communities get by. Ms. Littleton says on the flip side you have some county commissioners taking advantage of the situation. It was never intended to supplant a local dollar. Mr. Atkins asks on regional grants- often people submit for more than the allocated time and some submit less. Can we divide the extra funds to roll to those that request more. Mr. Terwilliger says we will take this as a case by case basis. Mr. Terwilliger is working on some accountability measures for the regional improvement grants.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-08-02:

I make the motion to approve the FY2019 EMS budget as presented.

MOTION BY: Huey Atkins

SECOND BY: Vic Drawdy

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

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

New Business

By: Courtney Terwilliger

Ms. Littleton discussed the North American Heavy Rescue Symposium and over the weekend there have been some disgruntled instructors and there seems to be a delay in pay or payment issues. Ms. Littleton says the involvement of GEMSA was to only provide 65 scholarships for attendees. We do not have any control over how the program manager facilitates instructor pay. This is not a reflection on us. Mr. Kunkle discussed working on long term strategic planning for the Commission. He charged the group to take on some EMS challenges (1) Work to improve EMS staffing issues (2) continue support for EMS readiness (3)

provide for further continuing education (4) advocate for further EMS initiatives (5) consider enhanced models for trauma/ ems transport. Mr. Kunkle asked if we are working on this and time transfer issues and discussion of inter facility transports and the need to make sure our patients are getting to our trauma centers. Mr. Kunkle asked the group to come together to make strategic goals for (1,3,5 years) and requests we be actively involved in this. Mr. Atkins suggests from a regional perspective we can come up with a provider list for inter facility transfers, each region would need to be a keeper of this. Mr. Atkins doesn't know the answer but could a system be developed to back fill if there is a transfer need. Mr. Black said representation EMS at the August and March meetings are not able to afford that travel cost and perhaps help EMS in more attendance. Discussion of non 911 service providers and time to care and transport times were discussed. Mr. Newton says EMSAC is working on strategic planning for the entire state (EMS). Discussion about allocating funds to agencies dependent on zones inside designated trauma centers areas. Discussion of resources and the changing nature of EMS. Captain Polk asked if we consider body armor on the equipment grant list. Mr. Terwilliger asked if we could bring that up as a recommendation at the next meeting.

MOTION EMS Subcommittee 2019-08-03:

I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: Huey Atkins

SECOND BY: Vic Drawdy

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Minutes crafted by Erin Bolinger