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Regional Affairs Committee Meeting Thursday, August 1, 2024 Virtual

Agenda

- I. Call to order
 - a. Roll Call/Guest Introductions
 - b. Review of Past Minutes
- II. Cardiac Devices Grants
 - a. Final Update on FY 2023 Grants
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 - c. Revamping of CDG Grants
- III. Announcements
- IV. New Business
- V. Regional Roundtable
 - a. Region I
 - b. Region II
 - c. Region III
 - d. Region IV
 - e. Region V
- VI. Next Meeting
 - a. Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 10:00am Virtually
- VII. Adjournment



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In Attendance:

David Chisholm (Region II-Washington County), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Bryan Ebling (MIEMSS Region IV), Ben Kaufman (Region V-Montgomery County), Dwayne Kitis (MIEMSS), Richard Koch (Chair/Region IV-Ocean City), James Matz (Region III-Baltimore City), Michael Parsons (MIEMSS Region IV), Luis Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III), Andy Robertson (MIEMSS Region V), Mike Salvadge (Region I-Allegany County), Eric Smothers (Region II-Frederick County), Wayne Tiemersma (MIEMSS Region I & II), Christopher Truitt (Region IV-Wicomico County)

Minutes

I. Call to order

- a. Chair Rich Koch welcomed everyone to the meeting and roll call was completed. Minutes from the June 6, 2024 meeting was sent to everyone for review and motion to approve. A motion was made from Eric Smothers and James Matz. Minutes were approved as written.

II. Cardiac Devices Grants

- a. Final Update on FY 2023 Grants
 - i. The following companies and jurisdictions have not received their equipment and/or submitted paperwork for their reimbursements:
 1. Region I: All companies/jurisdictions have been reimbursed. Baltimore Pike VFC has decided not to put in for their grant.
 2. Region II: All companies/jurisdictions have been reimbursed.
 3. Region III: Baltimore City FD and Howard County Fire and Rescue
 4. Region IV: Dorchester County ES-EMS, Fruitland Fire Company, Princess Anne VFC, Inc., Charlestown Fire Company, Hacks Point VFC, Lakes and Straits Fire Company and Church Creek VFC
 5. Region V: All companies/jurisdictions have been reimbursed.
 - ii. Regional Staff is asked to give an update for their outstanding reimbursements to Chairman Koch and Dwayne Kitis by Thursday, August 15th.
 - iii. The due date for the outstanding reimbursement requests is Saturday, August 31st.
- b. Update on FY 2024 Grants
 - i. The following companies/jurisdictions have not submitted their reimbursement requests:
 1. Region I: Garrett County ES, Bloomington VFC and Ellerslie VFC.
 2. Region II: All companies/jurisdictions have been reimbursed.



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3. Region III: Anne Arundel County Fire Department, Baltimore County Fire Department, Carroll County Fire and EMS, Howard County Fire and Rescue and Harford County, Maryland
 4. Region IV: Cecil County VFC, Inc., Cecil County DES, Church Hill VFC, Inc., Parsonburg Fire Company, Inc. and Kent County Office of Emergency Services
 5. Region V: Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, Calvert County Career EMS and Montgomery County Government
- c. Revamping of CDG Grants
- i. Dwayne Kitis has discussed with MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Delbridge via e-mail on what should change for the cardiac device grants (CDG) process. Dwayne wanted suggested to allow organizations to utilize funding for local EMS projects aligned with smart goals guidelines through narrative portal in the application and develop stringent guidelines to ensure projects exclusively EMS related and accessible to EMS companies. Dr. Delbridge wanted to add to make sure that it supports purchase projects interventions with the goal hoping or improving cardiac survival of acute cardiac syndrome and/or cardiac arrest. The prioritization would continue to go through the regional councils and subject to the Regional Affairs committee. The funding for each region will not change. The regions would prioritize and approve their funding. The CDG grant revamp would be submitted next year and will go into effect for FY 2027.

III. Announcements

- a. Eric Smothers: Discussion with the EMS Committee took place about two weeks ago on looking at alternative protocols. There are about 20 different protocols used as pilots and want to dwindle the number of them down. There is agreement with the committee that if the jurisdictions using the pilots and if 60% of the state are using them make the pilots mandatory protocols and use some of the auxiliary protocols and make them permanent as well as care is administered. Eric requested feedback from the Regional Affairs Committee on their thoughts.

IV. New Business

- a. Ben Kaufman asked if anyone buying duodotes on their own through grant money. Montgomery County is buying duodotes three times due to expiration dates and replacements. Federal government are adding expiration dates and not willing to extend the dates. Eric Smothers commented that we are of the mercy of the manufacturers and no one would sign off extending the expiration dates.
- b. Chair Rich Koch is no longer doing EMS Operations for Ocean City and is doing training again.
- c. SEMSAC will meet today at 1:00pm on virtual call.

V. Regional Roundtable

- a. Region I
 - i. No report
- b. Region II
 - i. No report
- c. Region III



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- i. No report
- d. Region IV
 - i. No report
- e. Region V
 - i. No report

VI. Next Meeting

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VII. Meeting Adjourned