



**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
11/16/2021**

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- 1.0 Call to order – Chief Alexander
- 2.0 Medical Advisory Committee – see attached agenda
- 3.0 Executive Board Report – Chief Alexander – Yearly audit complete, taxes have been filed.
- 4.0 Region Director’s Report
 - 4.1 The MCI Trailers have been inspected for content and readiness. The Region will work to replace outdated equipment and supply training to services on the use of the trailers.
 - 4.2 There is still a supply of surgical face masks and thermometers at the region office that are available for services that have a need.
- 5.0 Committee Reports
 - 5.1 Executive Committee (Chief Alexander) The job posting for the Executive Director position has been emailed to all services and posted on the council website. The application period will close on November 19, 2021. Once the application process closes, the Executive Board will set up interviews and conduct the interviews of all candidates.
 - 5.2 Nursing Committee (William Tavares) - no report
 - 5.3 Training Committee (Scott Meagher) The most recent state Workforce Committee meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. The committee is working on revamping the basic EMT practical exam.
 - 5.4 Community Care and Education - no report
 - 5.5 Pre-Hospital Services (Jason Perry, Dan Muse) – The committee has met to discussed changes to the Trauma and Stroke Point of Entry. The updated point of entry plans are presented to the Regional Council for a vote. The committee will meet in January to review the Regional Chempack Plan.
- 6.0 Area Reports
 - 6.1 Old Colony EMS – The Bristol North yearly conference will be held virtually again this year. The conference will be held January 31, 2022 and February 7, 2022. An email will be sent out when registration is open.
 - 6.2 Cape & Islands EMS – Cape and Islands continues to run hybrid education programs. This education model seems to be running well.
 - 6.3 Fall River/New Bedford EMS – The GFREMSC conference is scheduled to be held in person on Feb 11, 2022 at White’s of Westport.
- 7.0 Old Business
 - 7.1 Updated Stroke Point of Entry – Vote – The Stroke Point of Entry was updated to represent the updated Statewide Treatment Protocols. Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the changes.

- 7.2 Trauma Point of Entry – Discussion – The Trauma Point of Entry was updated to reflect changes to the Statewide Treatment Protocols. Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the changes.
- 7.3 Emergency Department Entry Issues - Emergency Departments have been experiencing a significant increase in patients seeking treatment. With the increase in sick patients, there is also a shortage of personnel available to assist with the increase in patients. EMS providers are reporting an increase in wait times to off-load patients. EMS services are asked to be patient with the ED staff. If providers have concerns, please feel free to contact the region office for assistance.

8.0 New Business – No new business

9.0 2022 Regional Council Schedule –

January 18

March 15

May 17

Sept 20

Nov 15