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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF September 4, 2020

Present: Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair
Joe House, Kansas-Secretary
Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-at-Large

Absent: Stephen Wilson, Alabama-Treasurer
Vacant, Vice-Chair

Guests: Dan Manz, EMS Compact
Joshua Tilton, NREMT
Ray Mollers, NREMT
Donnie Woodyard, Colorado
C. Lake
Mark Terry, NREMT
Kraig Kinney, Indiana
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse
Tim Wilson, Nebraska

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schmider called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice to order at 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2020 and took roll call.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Schmider opened the floor for any comments on the agenda, hearing none, moved on.

MINUTES

Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 21, 2020. Clarification was provided regarding the 1st bullet under the Educator Report that the rule number for the language revision is Rule 11.7, but was incorrectly referenced as 11.6 during the 21 August meeting, Romanello (New Hampshire) moved for approval with the clarification; House (Kansas) seconded. Motion approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer Update

No Report

NREMT Update

Ray Mollers reported for NREMT:

- Joshua Tilton will be the technical lead for the Compact database as it moves forward. He will be working with Sean Smith with the on-boarding of data from the member states.
- Compact database is live and does have a minimal amount of current data. There is also test data within a test environment database.
- Still awaiting a signed agreement from ImageTrend but will be following up to ensure no concerns.
- Dan Manz was provided an orientation to the database.
- Starting to look at starting the 3rd phase of the database life cycle – identifying enhancements to the database that would make data sharing better.

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Educator Report

Dan Manz reported:

- Offered positive comments upon the demonstration mentioned earlier.
 - Identified the system as simple, intuitive, easy to use, and set up for success.
 - Identified that there could be some enhancements to the database to make it more EMS centric.
 - Identified that if there is a way to link to publicly available information from other licensee states through the database interface, it be considered an enhancement to pursue.
 - Chair Schmider asked for a demonstration of the database to occur on September 18th with the Executive Committee, that it be the main focus of the meeting, and that we advise all commissioners that this demonstration is going to occur.
- Rule 11.7 language discussion
 - Shared that after the demonstration, it appears that 11.7 may be an unnecessary rule and that rescinding or striking the rule may be more appropriate at this time.
 - Recommendation was to postpone any further language or changes until the demonstration has occurred.
 - It was further recommended that David Newton (Georgia) be contacted to see if striking this section alleviated the concerns brought forth.
 - It was also recommended that Wayne Denny (Idaho) be contacted to gauge the history of the origin of the rule.
- Council of State Governments is pulling together a panel of representatives from the different health profession compacts to meet on a regular basis. Manz will be in attendance and reporting back as that group meets.
- He will be meeting with the Department of Defense on September 17th regarding the coordination and communication of upcoming legislative actions.
- There is still one state that currently has pending legislation to join the compact; still thinking that there should be at least 21 state members before end of the year.
- Provided for the body's information: NTHSA has organized an EMS Education COVID workgroup involving NAEMSE, NASEMSO, Fire Chiefs, NREMT, EMS Managers, and others. Their latest meeting looked at the pipeline of EMS personnel and an idea was presented regarding EMS as a vaccine administration route / mass vaccination plan.
 - Romanello (NH) offered to provide the work his state had done on an implementation plan and has a template that he is willing to share with other Compact states. Romanello (NH) was going to forward this to Manz.

Other Business

Romanello (New Hampshire) provided that he had received a letter from a wildland firefighter praising the use of the Compact while being deployed to Colorado for wildfire suppression. The firefighter stated that the EMS side appeared to be significantly easier in comparison to other professions. Chair Schmider asked if the person would allow the sharing/posting of the letter upon the Compact website. Romanello (New Hampshire) stated he would follow-up.

The Executive Committee expressed their condolences to both Sam Vance (Missouri) and Kyle Thornton (New Mexico) on recent losses within their respective families.

Chair Schmider asked that the database demonstration and selection of a vice-chair be agenda items for the September 18, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business brought before the Executive Committee, House (Kansas) motioned to adjourn; Romanello (New Hampshire) seconded; Chair Schmider adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2020.

Next EC conference call is September 18, 2020 at 3:00 PM (EDT).

Respectfully submitted, Joe House (Kansas), Secretary