

BUTLER COUNTY EMS ASSOCIATION  
Butler County Public Health  
Courthouse, Box 325  
Allison, IA 50602  
319-267-2934  
tfleshner@butlercoiowa.org

## October 11, 2012

Members Present: Dave Green, Shell Rock; Frances Krull, Aplington; Paul Miller, Clarksville; Steve Stark, Greene; Doug Tharpe, Dumont; Kelly Bolton, New Hartford; Carla Holm, Parkersburg; Tammy Fleshner, Public Health

The Butler County EMS Association meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tammy Fleshner, Butler County EMS Chairperson at the Courthouse Meeting Room in Allison, IA.

A motion was made by Frances Krull to approve the agenda with additions, and this was seconded by Carla Holm. Motion carried. Paul Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, and this was seconded by Frances Krull. Motion carried.

### *Old Business:*

Tammy Fleshner reported on the 2012 State Grant. It has been approved and we have received \$8879 - \$2879 more than expected since some counties did not apply for the funding.

The EMT Class started in Waverly on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Waverly at the Fire Department. We started with 24 students and 1 has dropped out so far. There are 16 from Butler County in the class. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays, starting at 6:00 p.m. with skills. Anyone willing to help at these classes with skills is to let Tammy know and she will pass the contact information on to the instructor. Frances Krull stated she was willing to help with the skills.

### *New Business:*

Tammy reported on the September 5<sup>th</sup> Regional EMS Meeting that was held in Allison. See minutes. The next Regional EMS Association Meeting will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> in Hampton at 6 p.m. at the Franklin General Hospital.

Tammy reported on the October 10, 2012 EMSAC meeting. A new vice chair was elected, as our Chairperson has resigned, and the vice chair moved up to fill his position. 53% of the First Responders have transitioned. 16 Intermediates and 11 Paramedics have transitioned. Benchmarks are being looked at Statewide, including trauma scene time, aspirin given to non-traumatic patients, stroke scene time, lights and sirens, etc. The white light authorization is currently being looked at again. This authorization is available for certified EMTs only. The State is also looking at a possible change in the grant process. The next meeting will be held in January, 2013.

Tammy handed out the Working Group Best Recommendations for Safe Transportation of Children in Emergency Ground Ambulances. These recommendations are the results of a long, nationwide project. Each service is to look over these recommendations and consider how they will safely transfer children.

The Board of Supervisors has asked for a report from the EMS Association on how we are doing and future needs. Tammy will prepare a report after the elections as there is a chance that the Board of Supervisors will be changing.

Tammy handed out a pamphlet from NILMDTS. This is a non-profit organization that assists families with the loss of an infant. This information is also given to families at the hospitals.

Tammy reported that Mitch Nordmeyer is planning a driving class with the Allison Fire and Ambulance Crews. No date has been set yet.

The Ambulance Crashes Webcast from Zoll was discussed. Tammy participated in this webcast. The information is good, but Zoll is trying to sell a "black box" product that would monitor our driving. Services are encouraged to again discuss safe driving habits, etc.

The Active Shooter Video – "Run, Hide, Fight" link was sent by the Regional EMS Association, and forwarded to the Butler County EMS Services. This had good information, and Tammy recommended that the services watch and discuss, as it could happen anywhere and anytime. Tammy will resend the link.

Med Media has been bought out, and there will be changes. There will also be a rebidding process for a new contract with the State within the next 1-2 years. Be aware of future changes with the electronic documentation process.

Invoices for the Association Dues were handed out.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 for a Holiday Meal and short meeting. Spouses will be invited. Tammy will find a site and notify everyone. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by

Tammy Fleshner  
Butler County EMS Chairperson