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GWAHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 17, 2022

Begin Time: 11:45am.

End Time: 1:15pm

Location: Teleconference

Minutes Prepared By: Amy Ashe

Chaired By: A.Vanhoozier/J. McCorry

Draft X Approved Date:

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Bowe, Susan (TC)	Ashe, Ryan		Louka, Amir, MD (TC)
Belback, Teresa (TC)	Cumbie, Beth		
Brophy, Kevin (TC)	Dent, William		
Kopczynski, Stephen (TC)	Driscoll, Courtney		
Mc Corry, James (TC)	Grafton, Scott		
Player, Michael (TC)	Kames, Carrie		
Vanhoozier, Adria (TC)	Wyatt, Emily		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	K. Brophy called the meeting to order at 11:45am		
Financial Report	K. Brophy presented the Cash Report and Financials		
New Business	Dr. Louka did presentation on the CARES Program. It is a Nation registry of cardiac arrests. Started in early 2000 since there was not a national data bases on cardiac arrest. Created to bridge the gap, however it is not uniform. In VA there are very few that participate. When an EMS agency manages a cardiac arrest CARES tracks various factors such as time to CPR, time to first defibrillation, and first medication, etc. After some discussion with CARES there is potential of the state to purchase a statewide contract. The original discussion was about the hospital systems paying for CARES to get the data for the area. Since there discussion of the state making the purchase, we should wait to see that outcome before making the purchase. Have Dr Louka do a similar presentation to the PEMS Committees to see if we can work on it together.		
Old Business	Meeting changes. BOD every 3 moths and EC every month, to mirror other PEMS committees. Future model is for the BOD/EC committees to do the planning and the events will be staffed by the healthcare systems and fire departments. The BOD and EC will be working committees. S. Kopczynski agreed that this made the most sense and do what we need to change to this model. Dr. McCorry brought up that we need to get the committees active and bring back to the EC for moving forward at Training events and outreach. Need involvement from the members.		

	<p>PEMS can coordinate events but do not have the staffing to send people to work them. Most of the work stopped once COVID hit and Connor left, we need to revive this. (Player)</p> <p>Explore if a student would be willing to work on this as a project such as when GWHSA started. (Teresa)</p> <p>S. Bowe suggested getting Sentara leaders involved to mentor the business students. Amber Price will be starting on Monday and is going to be a co-chair to take David Masterson's place.</p> <p>M. Player reported that the GWHSA started to minimize out of hospital deaths by doing 3 things. They were pulse point, training of CPR/AEDS, and placement of them out in public areas, and conduct heart healthy education. There is still virtual training on the website but needs up dated. Thought maybe the businesses would apply for a grant and we could match the contribution if they were willing to train their staff in CPR/AED training and place the AED location in pulse point. We would need funding to continue this, we also had people getting us into events to do the training/education. There was not a good hand off to see how to break up the groups to do the work he was doing. The 3 previous committees were financial, events, marketing.</p> <p>Dr. McCorry reported we discussed getting data from 911 centers and doing focused trainings.</p> <p>T. Belback brought up breaking up into focal areas that can be manageable to the groups. The suggestion was social, grants, AED's, CPR, pulse point and education. Can find people at the college that are good at finding those.</p> <p>Social Media maintenance still needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Have a subscription to grant station for funding opportunities (Kevin)</p> <p>S. Kopczynski suggested we get the fire departments, the 2 Hospitals, and the key people who have been consistent to coming have a strategic meeting for May. (Amy to follow up)</p> <p>M. Player will put together an outline of what HEARTSafe is and what was done previously as a reference.</p>		
Good of the Order	Do we want to hold off on meetings until we complete the strategic planning? Unless it is a CPR event that is easy to staff. Unanimous vote until after May meeting.		
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm		