# Missouri Emergency Medical Services Agent Corporation Board of Directors Zoom Call Minutes August 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Jason White at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2023, attendance was as follows:

OfficersGLO StaffJason WhiteDrew OestreichJohn ClemensGeorge Oestreich

Mark Alexander

Bob Patterson Legal Counsel

**Emily Solum** 

**Members at Large** 

Jamie Roller MHCA Staff

Greg Brown Justin Duncan

**Absent** 

Dave York

#### **Dept. of Mental Health Update**

Jason reported to the board that the meeting with DMH, MHCA, Husch Blackwell, Jason, Mark, and Kat with the Ambulance Association will meet on August 23, 2023, at the DMH building. MoEMSAC will manage this for the betterment of the industry and patients. Counsel Emily Solum has drafted a Sole Source document that DMH has requested, and she is working on draft contracts.

## **Legal Update**

PCG contacted Jason with concerns they have based on information they received from CMS stating that CMS is going to target FRA programs. Emily explained that there is an OIG Audit related to the provider tax programs, which is an audit of the states. In the background of the audit, CMS announced back in February that they would be targeting provider tax programs that make use of pooling. States that do use pooling have taken great care to make sure that the pooling programs are in no way linked with the state, which would make them in compliance with CMS. CMS, however, it is taking a closer look at some state's provider tax programs. Simultaneously with this, in May CMS proposed regulations that would affect the pooling plan and redistribution, but this is just a proposed rule at this time. Nothing needs to be done but this is something that could affect the Missouri programs at some point down the line. Texas file and won a case placing an injunction against CMS related to the bulletin that CMS put out in February. Texas will be asking more states to get join this injunction against CMS. There was discussion.

#### Managed Care included in GEMT

Jason reported that PCG putting together a rough draft of the pre-print. The idea was to get everything into the hands of Tony Bright at MHD in September.

# **Annual Survey for SFY2024**

Drew is still waiting on the survey results from Elizabeth Short at Mo HealthNet. Jason continues to receive concerns from services regarding the current high tax amounts. Jason talked with Elizabeth regarding collection of the surveys and as of this morning she only has a few remaining that she would do estimates for. Mark had questions about including the GEMT receipt in the survey. Drew explained that it would not have any impact on what MoEMSAC is doing since our tax is now on the miles and not on the gross receipts.

## **MU Data Project Funding**

Jason proposed that MoEMSAC negotiate an agreement with MU to support their statewide EMS data analysis program in the amount of \$100,000 from MoEMSAC and \$300,000 from the earned interest that has been accrued. Jason believes that if this is alive and well a year from now and we will know if the MCO component is up and is that going to be able to do what the board is expecting it to do. There was discussion. George pointed out that the administrative fund can only take in \$200,000 per year and that when the escrow funds are distributed out, that interest won't be there, so you don't want to get locked into anything with MU for the future. Mark explained that the price should go down moving forward. There was discussion.

Mark Alexander made a motion for MoEMSAC to negotiate an agreement with MU to support their statewide EMS data analysis program in the amount of \$100,000 from MoEMSAC and \$300,000 from the earned interest that has been accrued. John Clemens seconded. Motion passed by role call:

Mark Alexander – yes John Clemens – yes Jamie Roller – yes Justin Duncan – yes Greg Brown – yes Bob patterson – yes Jason White – yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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MoEMSAC Secretary