



# Valley Emergency Medical Services

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## Board of Directors

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

*VEMS Board of Directors*

*VEMS Building*

*764 Derby Ave, Seymour, CT*

*March 16, 2023 7 pm*

**Attended:** Jared Heon, Dr. Fred Browne, William Scollin, Madalene Taggart, Kevin Shuck, Patrick Gannon, Joseph Burnett, Jason Perillo

**Absent:** Michael Worhola, Javonte Ramos, Thomas Lenart

**Guest:** Chris Brown

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. Called to order at 7:00/ pledge
2. Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve minutes from October 2022**  
**Dr Browne 1<sup>st</sup>, M. Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, motion passed**
3. Public Comment
  - a. No public comment
4. Executive Director Report
  - a. J. Perillo recaps billing company issues.
  - b. CPA had to bill extra for work not completed correctly from QMC. VEMS submitted a bill to QMC for the overage amount. Have not heard back yet. Management letter from Audit recommended VEMS seek other billing company based on problems they had with QMC and the reporting issues found during the audit.
  - c. M. Taggart asked about Bundle Billing with Ansonia based on her issues she had with QMC with her Bundle Billing. Discussion about Bundle Billing to include Dr. Browne regarding and Medicare / Medicare advantage payments for EMS as well as Griffin hospital.
  - d. Per Dr. Browne, Griffin Hospital can soon begin to supply billing services for VEMS. Dr. Browne spoke about process, timing and how it will work.
  - e. Derby is still outstanding for the settlement. Confirmation came from town it will be paid. We are waiting for the check to arrive.
  - f. M. Taggart asked about Shelton's outstanding 2.5 year missing payment.
  - g. J. Perillo spoke about meeting with First Selectwoman of Seymour regarding Bundle Billing with the Town of Seymour.
  - h. J. Perillo asked about where we stand on the transition of ED. Spoke about study (Fitch) which was intended to be completed with cooperation of all services. Discussion from Dr. Browne and Board regarding the meaning of the Fitch study, what it was intended to do and how it will/ should be going forward. Griffin will be funding the process now instead of VEMS contributing

(motion from previous meeting) J. Heon stated that VEMS is not the driving force of this study. Study was try to keep all the services afloat not pushing an “agenda” from VEMS. VEMS was waiting on the study before going forward with any internal change.

- i. M. Taggart states that the “towns need to step up and pay more for Paramedic service. The towns do not understand the cost of paramedic service. Time has changed since this organization (VEMS)was established. VEMS worked very hard to keep the cost down but towns need to realize what the cost truly is for paramedic service now”.
  - j. Dr. Browne reviews again the reasoning and intention of the study. The study will be a roadmap of what the plan should/could be for EMS. Continued discussion on issues with EMS as a whole (cost of supplies, volunteers, paid staff, hourly rates, EMT class sizes).
5. Supervisor Report: Chris Brown
- a. Staffing levels are good. Hired new paramedics. J. Oliwa has returned from LOA. Looking to hire 2 more EMT’s due to Fire Academy training. Medics we are staffed.
  - b. Monroe construction is completed.
  - c. 1 recent Personnel issue in Monroe handled quickly and resolved.
  - d. Reviewed numbers. (ALS, Cancelations, call volume, mutual aid calls, response times)
  - e. Discussion regarding mutual aid and surrounding towns.
6. Old Business
- a. No new old business.
7. New Business
- a. Appointment of Annmarie Drugonis to the Board.

**Motion to accept letter appointing Annmarie Drugonis as the Town of Seymour representative and Scott Andrews as her Alternate.**

**J. Burnett 1<sup>st</sup>, M. Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, Motion passed.**

- b. FY 2024 Budget
  - J. Perillo reviewed Budget.
  - Dates are incorrect
  - Seymour Bundle Billing is included however if they do not agree to BB then it will be absorbed into patient care.
  - M. Taggart points out Oxford Bundle Billing is incorrect.
  - Patient care income is lower and that is how it has been.
  - Net income is a net loss.
  - J. Heon states it should be tabled- need to review after corrections and meet in April either as a zoom or regular meeting. Fiscal year starts May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. J. Heon states “regarding potential litigation for municipal contributions owed” He would like to see if everyone could speak to their municipal CEO’s and Dr. Browne for Griffin on how to proceed with this (action or not). This is money due to VEMS, and if not collected it falls on towns still in the system. Would like to have the input of the CEO’s of the towns. Then to reconvene in an executive session at the next meeting. We (VEMS) will be consulting with attorney for recommendations as well.
- d. M. Taggart asked about paramedic contracts, staffing other towns. Discussion which also included community paramedic program.

8. Executive Session

**Motion to go into Executive Session to include Jason Perillo to discuss employment personnel issue at 8pm.**

**M. Taggart 1<sup>st</sup>, K. Shuck 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, motion passed**

**Out of Executive session at 8:20pm**

9. Other Business
  - a. No other business
10. Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn**

**K. Shuck 1<sup>st</sup>, J. Burnett 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor, Motion passed.**

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