

## EMT Minutes of June 15, 2006 at Boscawen

Present were: Paul Bonaparte-Krogh, Larry Barker, Nory Parr, Ann Hamilton, Sumner Dole, Don Black, Deb Cheever, Marilyn Sullivan, Gail Kennedy, Lauren Bressett, Dan Reidy, Lynn Garland, Charlene Baxter, Steve Judd, Peg Boyles  
By Pic Tel from Durham: John Pike, Jim Grady, Bob Edmonds, Wendy Brock

Paul reviewed the agenda and announcements.

**COA changes coming soon:** Nancy Bradford-Sisson taking over in Cheshire by October 1; in Sullivan, Gail Kennedy stepping down and Chuck Hersey and Seth Wilner will team it by January 1; in Strafford, Don Black stepping down by January 1, 2007 and Geoffrey Njue will take over.

Charlene reported on the annual state conference. Reviews have been very positive. The committee recommends staying with the current format of going to campus for a day.

Jim reported on the searches currently underway. Dates have been set to meet with three finalists for the Program Leader of F&W. Other searches underway are the 2 Forestry Educators (Carroll and Cheshire Counties) and Hillsborough County 4-H educator. Specialists searches for 4-H, FCR and Ag are expected soon.

John reported on changes at the University and the Presidential search. Interim President Bonnie Newman starts at the end of June. John will be meeting with her on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

A report on the upcoming **Road Trips** to the counties was given. All the dates have been set for staff and AC meetings. The visit usually starts with staff at 2 and then AC meeting over dinner.

### **Schedule:**

April 18 Carroll County – done  
May 15 Strafford County – rescheduled for November (see below)  
June 12 Cheshire County – done  
August 28 Grafton County  
Sept 21 Coös County  
Oct 9 Sullivan County  
Oct 19 Hillsborough County  
Nov 20 Strafford County  
Nov 28 Belknap County  
Dec 7 Merrimack County  
Dec 11 Rockingham County

**MOU:** The signing of the next MOU was discussed. A few changes were suggested. During the meeting the final version was emailed. COAs will get them signed by the

Commissioners, then signed by the delegation chair by September. At the Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> CCII in Hillsborough, there will be a ceremony to get the rest of the signatures. If you have any questions or need more info for a county leader, let Paul know.

**County Conversations II:** The County Conversations in light of the changing Presidents next year were discussed. Many positive ideas on how to improve the program were made. Coös is the next one. It will be discussed at the next AC meeting.

**Roundtable Discussion on AC Recognition:**

All counties shared their various ways of recognizing out-going AC members. Ideas include:

- Send a personal thank you note to each
- Recognition certificates from UNHCE and gift certificates
- Clocks and other special gifts
- Special picnic or annual meeting for presentation, cake and fun
- Take them to lunch.

The Assistant Director could send thank you notes as well and the county seal could be added to the certificate and add AC chair signature.

**Communications Team:**

Paul reported on the Communication team of Holly, Peg and himself. Working to outline current roles and responsibilities for the future. Planning workshops for this fall and working on an annual report. A pocket could be added to include a county annual report. This would hopefully complement or improve what counties do already.

**AC Training Sites:**

Paul gave an overview of some new web sites designed for AC volunteer training from the southern region. These can be accessed on the UNHCE web site on the Counties page: go to "Tips and Tools" under Related Links then click on the 2 items "SEAL 2003 and SEAL 2005."

A few were reviewed quickly. COAs were asked to look them over and then discuss with Paul what areas of training would be most helpful to the AC including orientation info for new members.

Next EMT meetings are set for Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Notes submitted by:

Paul BK