



STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Friday, September 30, 2011

Call to Order

Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Roll Call

Members Present: Atas, Beldo, Boyd, Bullen, Cummings, Dunne, Durst, Edwards, Fabiano, Feldhauser, Forbush, Kincaid, Lake, Maatman, Nye, Pratt, Scafidi, Smith, Snyder, Trevithick, Wilkinson

Members Absent: Liss, Randall, Nelson

MDCH Representatives:

Robin Shivley, EMS Section Manager
Marv Helmker, EMS Education Coordinator
Paula Fehrenbach, EMS & Trauma Systems

Others Present:

Joseph Karlechek, STAT EMS
Rob Struck, UP EMS
Gary Canfield, Macomb Co MCA
Michelle Harper, TCEMCA
Jill Howell, Denton Twp EMS
Brian Lovellette, MAAS/MAEMT
Tom Knapp, SMEMSIC
Glenda Dolehanty, MDCH Reg.Coor.
Jonathan Hockman, Goldrush
Consulting Serv.

Joe Miran, Genesys Reg Med Cntr
Harvy Holland, Baker College
Stacy Robinson, Madison Twp F.D.
Ryan Rank, Madison Twp F.D.
Gary Wadaga, Bay Ambulance
Chet Dalski, Kellogg CC/CCMCA
Kevin Putman, MSU/KCMS EMS Data
Mgr.
Heath Corey, SAESA
Matthew Green, WCCCD
Tom Schmedeknecht, PROMED/MAAS

Pete Rogers, LSTI
Greg Flynn, W. Bloomfield F.D.
Dave Miller, STAC EMS
Michael Moran, Bloomfield Twp F.D.
Bob Cesario, Independence F.D.

Eric Smith, SMEMSIC/Montcalm Co.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Edwards requested a change in the order of one agenda item, asked that the revisitation of the National registry be moved to the last order of business prior to the members round table. Beldo moved to accept the agenda with the change. Cummings supported. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Lake moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2011, EMSCC meeting. Nye supported. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Specialist Bridge Course -- Helmker gave an overview of the July ad hoc committee's recommendations previously submitted to the EMSCC members for review with their membership organizations for discussion and/or approval.

Maatman suggested the three components have separate motions.

MOTION: Snyder moved to approve the 52 course content hours. Dunn seconded. Motion carried

MOTION: Boyd moved to discuss 3rd party testing. Durst seconded.

Discussion followed.

Boyd asked for details about the test. Shivley stated it is the National Registry's entire intermediate exam.

Helmker stated there would be material on the exam that is not covered in the bridge course and it would be incumbent upon the student to prepare themselves to take the exam.

Pratt asked if there was a test specific to the bridge course info. Helmker stated that no specific test is available and would be too labor intensive to develop for short term use.

MOTION: Boyd moved to approve a third party administering testing to persons who successfully complete the Specialist to AEMT bridge course. Durst seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Feldhauser moved that only currently approved paramedic level courses be allowed to teach the Specialist to AEMT bridge course. Nye seconded.

Discussion followed.

Feldhauser withdrew his motion, Nye withdrew his second.

MOTION: Maatman moved that the AEMT bridge course can be taught by current initial specialist training programs whose course coordinator is a licensed paramedic IC. Pratt seconded. Motion carried 20 to 1.

MCA Evaluation Tool Shivley reminded members that the MCA Evaluation Tool had been distributed at the last EMSCC meeting for review and input. Shivley stated she had received no feedback from the committee. Shivley said she was looking for the EMSCC's support of the tool before releasing it at the October 23/24 MCA seminar for input and to discuss implementation.

Cummings asked if it was a self assessment tool. Shivley stated it would be self service to begin with, but eventually would be used for peer review.

Kincaid stated the MAEMSS preferred the evaluation tool be used to educate all MCA's and remain self assessment only.

Chair stated the EMSCC supports the document.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair added Bennett Bill application for Inwood Township for review.

Shivley stated the application had been sent back to Inwood Township with the questions from the EMSCC. She further stated Inwood Township had answered the questions and the application now meets the requirements of the EMS Section.

MOTION: Snyder moved to approve Inwood Township's Bennett bill application. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Edwards suggested members get a copy of the 10 year anniversary booklet created by OPHP to see how far Michigan has created and developed various programs since 9-11.

Edwards stated the committee had met last month; said the funding of the ASPR program was not settled yet. Reported there was a high emphasis on the continued use of the healthcare coalition; the EMSCC will be kept advised as more information is learned.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HB 4642 Cummings stated that HB 4642 dealt with the expanded coverage of volunteer services using privately owned vehicles. Distributed a substitute for HB 4642 dated September 20, 2011.

Shivley stated a correction needed to be made changing the reference to LARA to MDCH.

HB 4838 Cummings explained that HB 4838 deals with entering into mutual aid agreements with agencies across state borders.

Cummings asked that Canada be included in the bill.

Cummings brought HB 4936 to the attention of the committee. Stated the bill is about adding licensed transporting agencies to a no fault insurance provision. Tie reimbursement to the workers compensation fee schedule. Recommends as an association that EMS be exempted.

EMS AND TRAUMA SYSTEMS REPORT

MCA Seminar Shivley reported that there are 81 registrants so far and that registration forms were available at the meeting today.

Electronic Submission of Continuing Ed -- Shivley reported that electronic submission for continuing education would be rolled out next Friday at the IC conference. The form numbers and new designated e-mail address will be on our website.

Shivley stated that starting 10/1/11, renewals of personnel licensure can only be done on-line, no more paper applications will be accepted. She also reminded members that MDCH accounting places an automatic 15 day hold on any account using eCheck for payment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORTS

Edwards reported that the committee would meet again in October and that the retreat had been planned for November to review existing protocols, comments and recommend changes/updates.

Trevithick asked who he should contact regarding the retreat. Shivley stated Linda Nesbitt would be returning to work 10/3/11 and would be the contact person.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Shivley stated the committee had met. Lake reported that the traction splint in question was demonstrated at the meeting. He further stated the splint meets the requirements of the subcommittee to best of our knowledge and it was approved for use as a traction splint.

MEDICAL CONTROL REPORT

No meeting; no report.

EDUCATION REPORT

Helmker stated the committee had not met.

TRAUMA ADVISORY

Shivley stated the committee had not met/

BY LAWS

Snyder reported that the committee would meet in November to discuss nominations for chair, vice chair, all subcommittee memberships and 4 EMSCC members whose terms are expiring at the end of 2011. (Atas, Durst, Cummings & Pratt)

DATA TASK FORCE

Putman reported the committee had not met. Stated NEMSIS was ready to move ahead and that public comment was 10/7 and the lock down date is 10/31.

Shivley stated it was a priority to push this forward

Putman stated that Michigan is “compliant and participating” in NEMSIS, and therefore eligible for federal grants.

National Registry—revisit 2018 Deadline for CoAEMSP

MOTION: Feldhauser moved to rescind the motion of January 2009 recommending that the EMS & Trauma Section discontinue the use of the National Registry for testing after January 2013. Smith supported. Motion carried

Chair asked each member to state how their organizations stand on the matter.

Bullen, Air Medical--Supports use of National Registry

Atas, MCEP --Supports use of National Registry

Smith, IC Society—identified concerns and our membership was very split on this issue.

Trevithick, MHA --Stated MHA has no official position
Cummings, MAAS--Supports use of National Registry
Feldhauser, MAAS--Stated MAAS reversed its original decision and now supports continued use of the National Registry. Wasn't unanimous decision of board.
Boyd, MAAS--Referred to the MAAS position statement distributed at the meeting.
Wilkinsen, MAEMT – not in support. Not unanimous vote.
Maatman—MAEMT -- Stated his board gave him specific instructions to vote to not use the National Registry. Went on to state it was not a unanimous decision and gave his personal thoughts on the issue.
Dunn, MCEP--Stated MCEP continues to support the use of the National Registry.
Lake, MPFFU--Opposes motion to rescind. Not enough has changed.
Nye, MPFFU--Not in favor of going with the National Registry.
Fabiano, Fire Chiefs Association—Opposed to rescinding the original decision.
Forebush, Fire Chiefs Association—Oppose motion to rescind. Not opposed to concept of accreditation, but opposed to one entity.
Durst, MHA--No position taken.
Pratt, Fire Chiefs Association--No comment.
Beldo, MHA--MHA has no official position
Kincaid--MAEMSS -- No decision has been made. Will listen to facts and make a determination.
Snyder, IC Society--No comment
Scafidi--MPFFU -- Same as other MPFFU reps.

Discussion followed.

Dr. Edwards then took comment from the public related to this topic.

Joe Miron—Genesys—supported the original 09 decision. Supports accreditation. Stated Genesys had gone with a different accreditation, said there are other options for the State.

Knapp, IC Society—Said he had polled their members and they were in favor of staying with the original 09 decision. Wanted the EMSCC to know that the vote was nearly equally split.

Hockman, Independent, Stated that for Michigan to remain a trendsetter, it needs to move away from the National Registry.

Howell, Paramedic Program Sponsor, she agrees with the fire chief's. Stated the cost and paperwork involved to become accredited would be prohibitive.

Karlichek, Region 2, IC Society – stated it is a tough decision, but would like to stay with 09 decision.

Struck, UPEMS, Supports staying with the National Registry. Said UP will do what it takes, but doesn't like someone from out of state telling them what to do.

Wadaga, Baraga, Stated the paramedic program courses in the UP will have to go to accreditation and National Registry due to border issues.

Adams, McLeran Hospital, Not in favor, said the main concern was going with a single accrediting entity. Stated CoAEMSP is not the only accrediting organization in existence.

White, MMR, Opposed. Not opposed to higher education standards, but moving to CoAEMSP will limit MMR in rural areas.

Piesik, citizen, opposes moving to accreditation.

Perry, MFF, opposed like the other fire fighters.

Shivley reported a survey had been done regarding what the other states are doing with regards to accreditation and the National Registry. The preliminary results have been gathered and 49 states responded (HI & NY had not responded).

Stated that 41 states said they'd require the paramedic National Registry exam. So we know that at least 41 states will be requiring Paramedic Accreditation. We also know that our border states (Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin) are all requiring Paramedic Accreditation.

Shivley stated she will keep the EMSCC committee informed on the final results of the survey.

Shivley said no extension agreement was in place with the National Registry, but one would be granted if/when it is requested, as long as Michigan is moving towards accreditation.

Shivley then provided some statistics related to our paramedic education program pass rates for 2008, 2009 and for 2011 (through 9/11/11). The information provided was related to 1st attempt pass rates (41 education programs).

In 2009, Michigan's average was a 53% pass rate. The National average was 69%. Michigan had 19 programs meet or exceed the Michigan average and only 7 meet or exceed the National average.

In 2010, Michigan's average was a 55% pass rate. The National average was 70%. Michigan had 16 programs meet or exceed the Michigan average and only 10 meet or exceed the National average.

In 2011, Michigan's average was a 63% pass rate. The National average was 75%. Michigan had 16 programs meet or exceed the Michigan average and only 12 meet or exceed the National average.

Wilkinson asked if funding existed to create a new exam. Shively—not a funding issue for the department as the student will absorb the cost of the exam, it's more a manpower and time problem.

MOTION: Feldhauser moved to take a roll call vote. Cummings supported.

Lake brought up whether a 2/3 vote is required per Robert's Rules of Order.

Edwards stated the roll call vote would be taken, and then go to the by-laws committee if needed.

Roll Call Vote:

Atas – yes.
Beldo – no.
Boyd – yes.
Bullen –yes.
Cummings – yes.
Dunne – yes.
Durst – yes.
Edwards – didn't vote. Chair.
Fabiano – no.
Feldhauser – yes.
Forbush – no.
Kincaid – yes.
Wilkinson – no.
Lake – no.
Maatman – no.
Nelson – absent.
Nye – no.
Pratt – no.
Randall – absent.
Scafidi – no.
Smith – no.
Snyder – no.
Trevithick – yes.
Vayder -- recently resigned.

Motion was defeated 11 no votes to 9 yes votes.

MEMBERSHIP ROUND TABLE REPORT

Helmker thanked the IC Society and MAAS for sponsoring the CoAEMSP information meeting held Wednesday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Perry, Grand Rapids provider, stated it seemed like a Catch 22 with the bridge course. Asked if the National Registry required a refresher course. Shivley stated it was a transition course only, no refresher would be required.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Next scheduled EMSCC meeting is Friday, November 18, 2011, MCEP, 6647 St. Joseph Highway, Lansing

Minutes Approved by
