



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Friday, March 25, 2011

Call to Order

Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

Roll Call

Members Present: Atas, Beldo, Bullen, Cummings, Dunne, Durst, Edwards, Feldhauser, Forbush, Kincaid, Lake, Liss, Maatman, Nelson, Nye, Pratt, Randall, Murray for Scafidi, Smith, Snyder, Trevithick, Vayder, Wilkinson, Randall

Members Absent: Boyd, Fabiano

MDCH Representatives:

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

Others Present:

Pete Rogers, LSTI
Brian Lovellette, MAAS/MAEMT
Greg Flynn, W. Bloomfield F.D.
Glenda Dolehanty, MDCH Regional Coor.
Michael Moran, Bloomfield Twp. F.D.
Tammy Forbush, MDCH Regional Coor.
Kevin Putman, KCMS/EMS Data Manager
Eric Smith, SMEMSIC/Montcalm County
John King, MDCH Regional, Coor

Bob Cesario, Independence F.D.
J. David Feichtner, Farmington Hills F.D.
Tom Knapp, S MEMSIC
Jill Howell, Denton Twp, EMS
David Miller, Star EMS
Joe Miron, Genesys EMS Education
Rick Donahue, MI Fire Chiefs, EMS Section
Kevin Putman, MSU/KCMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trevithick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of electronic course submission and AEMT transition requested by Snyder. Nye supported. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Beldo moved to approve the January 2011 minutes with Edwards rewording of page 4, last 2 paragraphs. Nye supported. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ethical Guidelines for Allocation of Scarce Medical Resources and Services during Public Health Emergencies in Michigan—Specific Guidance for EMS and MCA's

Edwards reminded the committee that the document had been handed out at the last EMSCC meeting and the committee had been asked to submit comments. Stated he had only received comments from Snyder, which he read to EMSCC members.

Edwards asked for support from the EMSCC members in order to start pushing the document out.

MOTION: Snyder moved to support the Ethical Guidelines document and to move forward with pushing the document out. Vayder supported. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Handouts from Dr. Robert Swor, were distributed to the committee members by Shivley. The handout was regarding the Michigan Heart Rescue Project which was to obtain a grant to improve the cardiac arrest survival rate 50% over the 5 year period of the grant. Shivley explained that Dr. Swor is looking for a letter from the EMSCC supporting the initiative. Swor also noted he was in contact with the MDCH Cardio-Vascular Disease Section.

MOTION: Kincaid moved that the EMSCC write a letter of support for the project to be mailed to Dr. Swor. Wilkinson supported. Motion carried.

Electronic Course Submission Snyder gave overview of current process, explaining it to be cumbersome and time consuming and used the U.S. mail. Snyder stated that the IC Society was requesting to support Shivley and Helmker by seeking support from the EMSCC to streamline the process.

MOTION: Snyder moved that the EMSCC recommend to the department that the department implement an electronic course submission process. Kincaid supported. Motion carried.

Discussion followed.

Shivley stated that a web based system could be cost prohibitive in the current budgetary times.

Cummings asked if donations could be made to MDCH to fund electronic course submission.

Shivley said she had met with Nick Lyons of MDCH, and was informed it had never been done before, but that the department would be looking into it. Stated the department was also looking into a dedicated e-mail address for use for course submission forms, approved forms would then be forwarded to the appropriate regional coordinator by Helmker.

Knapp volunteered to create a form that could be filled in on-line.

Beldo suggested that forms could also be scanned and e-mailed to the dedicated e-mail address.

Snyder stated his group is willing to support the department in this endeavor any way they could.

Beldo asked Shivley to find out if the state could accept money for the project and Cummings asked her to find out if it were possible to accept money from a foundation.

AEMT: Snyder stated there was much confusion after the recent IC conference concerning the timeline, when, dates, etc. of the impending change.

MOTION: Snyder moved to ask the department to develop an official timeline for the transition from AEMT to EMT Specialist and to widely distribute the timeline. Trevithick supported. Motion carried.

Discussion followed.

Helmker stated it had come to his attention that there are still agencies unaware of the action taken in November by the EMSCC as 3 or 4 agencies had submitted proposals for EMT Specialist courses.

Maatman asked why there was no possibility of starting new specialist training. Shivley answered that we could not have 2 kinds of specialists, one with lesser training than the other.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Edwards stated a situational awareness notice from the State Terrorism & Intelligence Center had been received regarding the theft of narcotics from fire stations in Wisconsin. The incidents occurred when rigs were called out to false alarms and the suspect slipped under the door while it was closing; drug boxes were stolen.

Atas informed the EMSCC that a Federal level 1 drill with multi state participation in what used to be called the Tarpoff Earthquake Drill, was scheduled in May, at the Summit, Lansing. Stated that set up would begin on May 15, and the drill ends May 19. Both field hospitals will be set up for the first time, should be very informative and attendance is strongly recommended.

Shivley stated the ambulance strike teams committee will be pulled back together to discuss how to address in-state issues.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

House Bill 4191— Shivley explained that Medical Control Authorities currently have the authority to establish protocols above and beyond the minimum requirements of the State. HB 4191, Section 8, would take that authority away from the MCA's. EMSCC does not want that to happen.

Liss stated she would look into the bill.

EMS AND TRAUMA SYSTEMS REPORT

Shivley reported there were many changes happening at the state level including an Executive Order issued in late February moving the personnel licensing portion of the EMS Section to the new Department of Regulatory Affairs.

Shivley stated it had just been decided that the EMS Section is to remain intact and within the Department of Public Health under either Melanie Brim or Kurt Krause. It hadn't been decided which bureau at this time.

Shivley stated she would keep the EMSCC apprised of any further changes.

Shivley reported that the CDC trauma triage grant will end 3/31/11—said she had asked for extra time for the recording portion of the grant. The three states met regarding their progress related to the CDC trauma triage project and made a number of recommendations that would be presented to the expert panel.

Shivley reported that trauma funding is available April 1, 2011 per legislation, but it is not in any budget, so it would have to be requested, looks more like funds would be available Oct 1 of this year.

The top 3 priorities of the implementation plan are to get the trauma registry in place, begin designation of hospitals and to get the regional networks developed.

Shivley reported that there is still misunderstanding in Region 7 and 8 related to the implementation of the trauma system. Meetings have been scheduled to address concerns and miscommunication.

Shivley reported that the cardiac protocols have been completed and are being sent out on disks. The changes will also be on the EMS website.

Shivley stated that concerns are still being raised related to Proprietary Schools and Paramedic Courses being held at fire departments instead of colleges or hospitals. The department met with the Proprietary Schools Section regarding the concerns and the policy that has been established remains in effect. If this continues to be an issue, the Department of Regulatory Affairs may require all education programs to become licensed as a proprietary school (basic and above).

Shivley reported that six informal conferences with agencies had occurred since the last meeting. As a result some conditional licenses had been issued. Stated that one agency caused real concerns and may have their license revoked.

Cummings asked if the MCA involved had been notified. Shivley informed him they had.

Shivley stated the new hearing process had been implemented.

Bullen asked if the STAC appointments had been made. Shivley answered that all the nominations are in and once the memorandums of understanding are signed, the nominations will be sent to Director Dazzo for signature.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORTS

Edwards reported that the committee is scheduled to meet next week.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Nye reported that the committee was scheduled to meet April 25th.

MEDICAL CONTROL REPORT

No meeting, no report. Shivley requested that the committee meet on April 18th to review a draft of a MCA evaluation tool.

EDUCATION REPORT

Shivley reported that the National Standards and the Michigan objectives had been reviewed and that new Michigan Objectives/Standards are being developed. The new document will incorporate the Michigan objectives into the National Education Standards documents. The goal will be to have one document to be used for teaching. It is the intent to have the new objectives/standards ready for implementation by July 1, 2011.

Shivley reported we are in preliminary discussions as to whether practical testing for the specialist and paramedic levels should be changed or eliminated. Stated Helmker was surveying states that don't use the National Registry.

Shively reported she had spoken to Rob Wagner of the National Registry regarding using the National Registry's assessment exam as our written exam. Wagner said Michigan can use only if commit to accreditation by 2018.

TRAUMA ADVISORY

No report

BY LAWS

Snyder reported the committee did not meet

DATA TASK FORCE

No meeting, no report. Putman stated a 2nd review of data tools on version 3 was anticipated due to problems.

Putman stated that it is anticipated that the data set will not be finalized until June 30, 2011

MEMBERSHIP ROUND TABLE REPORT

Helmker stated Eileen Warden of MDCH-CVH, still has openings for an advanced stroke course being held next Friday in Lansing. If interested, contact Helmker via e-mail.

Maatman asked how much information discussed at the EMSCC meetings could be disseminated. Helmker stated it was a public meeting, Shivley said it was fine to report what was discussed at the meetings.

Cummings reminded people that the EMS Expo was coming up at the end of April.

Randall introduced herself as the township representative from Roscommon County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Lovellette pointed out there were brochures for the upcoming EMS Expo available at today's meeting. Stated that the EMS Expo would be holding an opening night reception at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, attendees would be able to visit the Bodies Revealed Exhibit.

Dr. McGraw asked if Oakland County protocols could be implemented. Shivley said no.

Helmker announced that Advanced Stroke Life Support, out of Miami, still had some openings left for the April 1 course at Sparrow hospital. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mary Lou Mitchell at Sparrow Hospital.

Sledge thanked Marv Helmker for his presentation at yesterdays meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:20

Next scheduled EMSCC meeting is Friday, May 20, 2011, MCEP, 6647 St. Joseph Highway, Lansing


Minutes Approved by

