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**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday-November 20th, 2015**

Call to Order:

Dr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 09:30 hrs.

Roll Call:

Members Present: J. Boyd, J. Bullen, K. Cummings, Dr. R. Dunne, Dr. K.D. Edwards, B. Forbush (via phone), Rep. Franz, W. Hart, Dr. B. Kincaid, C. Lake, A. Sundberg for M. Leckelt (via phone), S. Myers, M. Nye, Pratt, G. Scafidi, B. Trevithick, G. Wadaga, S. Whitehead (via phone), K. Wilkinson

Members Absent: Sen. Casperson, D. Randall, E. Smith, Dr. R. Smith, T. Sorensen

MDHHS Representatives: Dr. J. Scott, N. Babb, T. Godde, K. Wahl, S. Slee (via phone), Dr. W. Fales, W. Snyder, E. Worden, G. Dolehanty

Others Present: Pete Rogers: LSTI, Steve McKellar: WMAFC, Dr. R. Domeier: W/L MCA, M. Helmker: LCC, Jason McDonald: MMR, Stefanie Wise: DEMCA, Jonathan Hockman: Dorsey Schools, Michael Holdeman: SEPSA Fire Authority, Damon Obiden: Kent County EMS, Brent Siegel: Northville Township Fire Department, Bob Waddell: Kent County EMS, Michelle Harper: Tri-County MCA, Debbie Condino: Macomb County MCA, Ashley Huff: SVMCA, Dr. M. Paul: St. Clair County MCA, Dr. Noel Wagner: SVMCA, John Cristini: Sanilac MCA, Kolby Miller: MedStar (via phone), Dr. M. Fill: Jackson County MCA (via phone)

Special Guests: None

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

AGENDA: Motion to Approve: Lake, Wilkinson. Motion Carries.

MINTUES: Motion to Approve: Lake, Wilkinson. Motion Carries.

Old Business: None

New Business:

-Bennett Bill Application from SEPSA Fire Authority

-This application was reviewed by the EMS office and is being presented to the EMSCC for comment. Chief Holdeman introduced himself to address questions.

-Discussion: B. Kincaid asked if the QATF had reviewed the application and K. Wahl stated it had not. K. Cummings asked Chief Holdeman to go over the history of the fire authority and explain what happened in 2004. Chief Holdeman stated they had always been owned by Porter Township and originally formed as a fire department in the '50s. He stated in the early 2000s, the township board put a sewer district in and that caused drastic political swings, so to protect the department, they formed an authority, which put a board in place between the township and the fire department.

-Motion to Approve: Pratt, Second: Wilkinson, Motion Carries.

-Proposed By-Laws changes: J.Boyd

-The by-laws were sent out three weeks ago and a few changes have come up that Boyd went over. The final vote will be at the January meeting. Terms of subcommittees and terms of the chair and vice-chair were discussed by the By-Laws committee. The By-Laws committee recommends moving those appointments, which are now annual, to biennial appointments. The changes will be sent out 30 days in advance for review.

-Discussion: Dr. Scott asked if those positions expire. Dr. Dunne explained that they don't and briefly discussed the process. J. Boyd went over a quick synopsis of changes they are proposing. Direction of the pediatrics committee was discussed and should be left as a permanent committee, as well as looking at bringing a board certified pediatrician position to the EMSCC itself.

-Introduction and welcome of Dr. William Fales as the new State EMS Medical Director.

Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:

-The Special Pathogens Conference/Table Top Exercise will be on March 24th, 2016, at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing, Michigan.

-The new Special Pathogens consultants, Betty Ann Eash and Kenneth Onye, will be leading the groups coming out on the site visits to the health care facilities over the next couple of years.

-Michigan has supported the National Disaster Life Support program as the standard for Mass Casualty Incident educational training and review.

EMS Systems Report by Kathy Wahl:

-Dr. Charlton resigned due to moving to Ohio and will be replaced on the EMSCC.

-The draft EMS Plan was sent out. This will serve as a work plan for the division and a more formal process for strategic planning will start next year. Comments are welcome.

-Discussion: Dr. Scott stated a retreat with the EMSCC is being looked at for next year for strategic planning. Hart expressed that he has reviewed the

document and is impressed with it. Cummings asked if there was a time frame for comments. Wahl stated she would like comments by January and it will be voted on at the January EMSCC meeting.

- Follow up was done on the NARCAN roll out. Documented compliance is 89%.
- Follow up was done on MI-EMISIS. 78 agencies had not been reporting, 65% of those were MFR agencies. Random calls were placed to find out why MI-EMISIS wasn't being used and if there was anything the Department could do to help. There were interesting reasons given. Wahl will continue to reach out to agencies.
- Wahl would like the EMSCC to view a presentation from the Crash Data Users Group through the Office of Highway Safety Planning. They were given data from MI-EMISIS and have put together a nice presentation.
- The ImageTrend process improvement is moving forward with Kevin Putman acting as manager of the project. Personnel Licensure will be the first to go live, and this should cut out a big delay in the licensing process.
- The EMSCC 2016 schedule was emailed and will be posted. Potential conflicts were discussed but no changes were made at this time.
- A mentoring program for MCAs was brought up while meeting with the Northern Michigan Fire Chiefs Association. The MCA Handbook will be revised, but a list of MCA administrators willing to mentor new people may be helpful.
- The Special Pathogen Transport Protocol was released.
- Dianne Bollman and MCEP staff were thanked for their work on the MCA conference held in October.
- Wahl has met with the Certificate of Need and Medicaid people so communication lines could be opened, as all three units play a role in agency licensing.
- There will be a report at the next meeting on the AED Grant.
- The COPEM meeting will be held on December 3rd.
- Comments from Dr. Scott:
 - The first meeting of the Regional MCA network was targeted for last fall but since the contracts were not in place, they are looking at meeting in January.
 - Dr. Scott attended her first NASEMO conference. Across the nation, we are one of the best programs due to the MCA organization and EMS systems seem to see the same type of problems.
 - Dr. Scott has met with the Governor's office to promote EMS.
 - Discussion: Boyd asked about the Homeland Security grants or looking for other grants. Dr. Scott stated people are monitoring grants and she's in touch with ASPR for more potential funding, as well as looking at other innovative ways to raise funds. Dr. Dunne offered assistance in bringing items to stakeholder groups to advocate for to assist in making things happen, discussion went on around this point. Myers brought up sustainability, which isn't provided by grants. Trevithick asked about the MCA assessment. Wahl stated that is contracted with the state and will be a mixed method study. Kincaid asked if old assessments will be available, and Wahl stated they would be. Further discussion ensued around how to be most helpful with this.

Trauma Systems Report by Eileen Worden:

- The State of Michigan formally designated 35 of the ACS facilities. Kudos to Region 8, as 100% of the UP hospitals have notified the RTN of their intent.
- The site reviewer trainings are finalized, 69 people were trained and are ready for in state site review for level 3 or 4.
- There are over 100,000 trauma incidents in the Trauma registry.

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- Education assessment surveys were sent out, these will give a baseline understanding on what is being done in Michigan related to trauma education.
- Applications will be sought for the Medical Director from a rural area STAC position, as Dr. Charlton resigned.
- The Region 6 coordinator is vacant and in the process of being filled.
- A CDC grant has supplied an FTE for Stroke and EMS QI. This position reports to Eileen and will work closely with EMS as well.
- There will be a Trauma Conference next year at Grand Traverse Resort October 4th, 2016. The MCA Conference will be held the day before.
- More PHTLS classes will be done.
- A Trauma Fact Sheet is being developed.

Committee Reports:

A: Quality Assurance by Dr. Edwards:

- The QATF retreat was held in November, and the three year protocol review process has started.
- The intent is to make the process easier, as well as for the protocols to be evidence based.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2015. The first round of protocols should be released for comments in January.
 - Discussion: Submission of comments and presentation of the changes were discussed. Wadaga asked if the MFR protocols were discussed and Dr. Edwards went over how they were being looked at as far as airway and glucometer. Wahl discussed scope of practice changes, as well as education and monitoring.

B: Ambulance Operations by Montgomery Nye:

- Ambulance Standards are being looked at due to the KKK standards sunset in 2016 and new standards coming out. The State will need to decide what is going to be adopted. Only two manufacturers meet the SAE 3027 cot standards and cost is an issue. One of the manufacturers said a cheaper manual system will come out around June 2016. Other items in the new standards will add cost, but the cot is the biggest cost. None of the standards have a requirement for retrofitting or remounts. The Ambulance Operations committee will be looking at the standards more and hopes to make a recommendation to the EMSCC at the January meeting.
 - Discussion: Cot expiration was discussed. Forbush asked for clarification on what standards the state is under now, Nye stated the KKK only for structural and mechanical. Cummings added that the manufacturers are trying to get ahead of the game and driving up costs too soon, as they don't make ambulances for Michigan only. He stated the transition period will be challenging. Wilkinson asked what standards they are trying to meet. Nye will get the answer.

- Equipment checklists are being updated. The Department combined the three checklists into one, in addition to a few changes, and they were sent out to the EMSCC for review and comments. Comments should be returned by January 8th so the Ambulance

Operations committee can review at their January 14th meeting and they will bring back recommendations to the January 22nd, 2016 EMSCC meeting.

C: Medical Control by Bruce Trevithick:

-The committee did not meet, and would like to know what the EMSCC would like to see from this committee. Kincaid mentioned planning the conference, and Wilkinson mentioned developing the mentoring program.

D: Education by Kevin Wilkinson:

-The committee did not meet and will meet soon. Godde stated 400-500 First Responders in the state have been trained in the Infant Safe Sleep Direct On Scene Education (DOSE) program and would like to get everyone on board with the program. Godde visited the Paramedic programs in the Upper Peninsula and two more programs may be added in the future.

E: Statewide Trauma Advisory by Eileen Worden:

-The next meeting is scheduled for December 30, 2015.

F: By-Laws by Jeff Boyd:

-The committee will look to have terms set at two years if that passes the by-laws.

-The subcommittees are being regrouped and the chairs will be hearing from Boyd so they can get current contact information and have the nomination slate prepared for the January meeting. A summary of openings will be sent out.

-It is being recommended to regroup the Data Subcommittee and make it similar to the other subcommittees. This will eliminate the Data In and Data Out groups. It was also recommended to broaden the scope by involving hospitals, trauma, and other groups that will be worked with.

-A slate needs to be recommended for chair and vice-chair of the EMSCC. The by-laws committee has prepared a slate and intends to recommend Dr. Edwards as the Chair and Jeff Boyd as the Vice-Chair at the January meeting.

-Discussion: The potential composition of the Data Group and who might be involved, such as the hospitals, was discussed further.

G: Data Task Force:

-There is nothing to report as this committee is being looked at by the By-Laws committee as mentioned in that report.

H: Legislative by Bruce Trevithick:

-The minutes from the last two meetings were sent out to EMSCC and there are several issues for the EMSCC to look at.

- Proposed Bennett Bill Changes. This was looked at during the September meeting and tabled due to proposed language of lines 15 and 16 on page two that prevent upgrade if there is already an existing ALS service. The Legislative Committee discussed this at their October and November meetings and it was decided to bring back the original draft as well as look at possible language that would require justification from the MCA as an exception. The Legislative Committee did not come to a resolution and are bringing to the EMSCC. Trevithick went over the history of how this issue came to be discussed.

-Discussion: Pratt stated he was okay with the added language requiring justification from the MCA and would not have opposition to this. Discussion continued around whether this will fix the problem or not and whether or not the Bennett Bill is the way to go. Concern over the Bennett Bill becoming a competitive tool rather than a clinical tool was expressed. Dr. Dunne brought up lack of evaluation to see if patient outcomes are actually better by using these provisions. Wadaga and Sundberg both expressed that this is a small fix to a big problem. Sundberg stated one brush stroke isn't going to fix the problem due to the complexity of problems and different problems for different services/areas. Forbush stated the change would be just a Band-Aid, but expressed concern that appearing unresponsive to the demands of the UP and rural services may create more legislation. Wadaga stated the UP does not wish to lower standards and Sundberg expanded on that point. Forbush discussed the concern of ala carte skills. Wahl stated some issues are being looked at and dealt with through protocols. It was restated that the Legislative Committee is unable to come to consensus and Dr. Scott questioned this. Nye explained it's an important enough issue it needed the debate of the whole EMSCC, not just the Legislative Committee. Discussion is wrapped up by Dr. Edwards.

-Motion to call the question and end discussion: Trevithick, Cummings. Motion carries. (Forbush and Hart opposed)

-Motion to Support (vote on original motion to approve proposed changes reflected in Draft #3 dated 9/14/2015): Trevithick, Second: Cummings. Roll Call vote: Forbush, Lake, Nye, Pratt, Scaffidi voted no, Rep. Franz abstained. Motion carries 11-5.

-House Bill 4910. This is a new piece of legislation that would require education on drug overdoses for certain EMS personnel. The Legislative Committee recommends opposing this legislation.

-Motion to Oppose: Kincaid, Second: Wilkinson. Motion carries.

-House Bill 4939. This is a new piece of legislation that would require an Ambulance at every high school athletic event in the State. The Legislative Committee recommends opposing this legislation.

-Motion to Oppose: Kincaid, Second: Wilkinson. Motion carries.

House Bills 4423, 4424, 4425, 4426, 4426, 4427. This set of bills is about increasing the speed limit in the state. The Legislative Committee recommends opposing these bills due to increased potential for motor vehicle accidents.

-Motion to Oppose: Kincaid, Second: Wilkinson.

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-Discussion: Dr. Scott stated it was her impression that there is a lot of support for the speed limit increase and support for a super speeder ticket with enhanced fines that would go to EMS. Discussion ensued around the EMSCC taking a neutral vote.

-Motion withdrawn.

-Further Discussion: Dr. Scott stated this is modeled after a law in Georgia. She also stated the Department is supporting the legislation and promoting to get the funds from the super speeder fine.

-Motion to be neutral on the bill but add super speeder fine to EMS provision: Hart, Second: Kincaid.

-Further Discussion: Worden stated she has had the opportunity to sit in the audience on these discussions and they have been thoughtful, science based discussions. Discussion ensued around this point. Dr. Scott stated this was brought to her by the Office of Highway Safety Planning. Cummings asked if there was time for the Legislative Committee to review with the additional information presented today.

-Motion to table the recommendation until additional information is available: Lake, Second: Cummings. Motion carries. Kincaid opposed.

-Legislative Committee to revisit this issue.

-Senate Bill 589. This would add EMS providers to the Healthcare Professions Recovery program for individuals that have substance abuse problems. The Legislative Committee just wanted the EMSCC to be aware of it, they are not ready to make a recommendation as they have additional questions about the program and for the Department.

-Federal Legislation to be aware of regarding payments for rural providers. There is no specific recommendation at this time.

-Discussion: Dr. Scott went over details of the proposed legislation. These bills allow for certain critical access hospitals that aren't succeeding to become free standing emergency departments and allow them to bill at a higher Medicare reimbursement level. EMS would also be allowed to bill at those levels. She stated the Michigan Hospital Association will be supporting the bills. Hart stated he attended the recent critical access hospital meeting and the potential of super rural status being taken away, as well as issues regarding 2% sequestration. Dr. Scott stated they are still tweaking the legislation.

-Motion to support: Forbush, Second: Lake. Motion Carries.

-Further Discussion: Cummings discussed a concern with rural funding being affected, as there is a current effort to make rural and super rural EMS funding permanent.

-The Good Samaritan Bill passed both houses.

-The Critical Incident Stress Management legislation passed the Senate.

-The expanded Epi Pen legislation passed the House.

-Rep. Franz stated these recommendations should go directly to the committees rather than the individual legislators. Discussion ensued around this point, including that EMSCC recommendations go through the Department.

I: Rural by Gary Wadaga:

-The rural committee has not met and will reconvene in January.

Membership Round Table Report:

-Hart reports there are plenty of deer in the UP that he is unable to find.

-Rep. Franz stated the speeding bill could be voted on in three weeks.

-Lake recommends contacting Pearson and National Registry regarding the availability of testing sites in the State as there is a lack of sites in the City of Detroit. Godde stated she can contact Pearson to see if there is anything that can be done. Lake also thanked everyone for the support on the death of Firefighter Dennis Rodeman. Dr. Robert Swor commented from the audience that this was a discussion item at the Registry meeting and it is being worked on. Dr. Dunne stated this is also an issue with physician testing.

Public Comment:

-none.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 22nd, 2016.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Boyd, Second: Kincaid

-Meeting adjourned at 12:02 hrs.