

I. Introductions

Commissioner Cowling introduced herself and directed the members attending the workgroup meeting to introduce themselves.

II. Background

Beth Nagel, from the Department gave a brief verbal summary of the background of the Air Ambulance Standards and what the Commission was hoping to achieve in convening the workgroup. The Department supports deregulation of this standard.

III. Discussion

Discussion followed and centered on regulation vs. deregulation. Some topics discussed were:

- a. Reporting error in the most recent CON survey
- b. "Three- legged" transports and how these transports are not captured in the Annual Survey data.
- c. Deregulation is needed for the Air Ambulance Standards as CON cannot deny access or require an applicant to demonstrate need for these services. MDCH is supporting deregulation based on the statements from the USDOT and FAA in regards to preemptive requirements.
- d. MDCH EMS Licensing has relied on CON to approve air ambulances. Without CON standards that regulate Air Ambulance Services, then EMS Licensing will have to make changes to the administrative rules in order to ensure that all areas of quality, safety and access are addressed by licensing.
- e. Air Ambulance providers supported continued regulation because Michigan's CON system works compared to other States. The group reported that Michigan has 1.2 Air Ambulances per 1 million people and Ohio has 3 Air Ambulances for every 1 million people. Some providers felt that quality and patient care would decrease with deregulation of these standards.

IV. Next Steps

- a. The Department will provide a draft of the standards that shows deletion of areas that are preempted.
- b. The next work group meeting will focus on identifying and recommending changes to [EMS Licensure Administrative Rules](#).
- c. Second Meeting Scheduled for: October 29, 2013 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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