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**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday-March 18th, 2016**

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Members Present: J. Boyd, J. Bullen, B. Grubb (for K. Cummings), Dr. R. Dunne, Dr. K.D. Edwards, W. Hart, Dr. B. Kincaid, C. Lake, S. Myers (via phone), M. Nye, D. Pratt (via phone), G. Scafidi (via phone), Dr. R. Smith (via phone), T. Sorensen, D. Condino (for B. Trevethick), G. Wadaga, S. Whitehead, K. Wilkinson

Members Absent: Sen. Casperson, B. Forbush, Rep. Franz, M. Leckelt, D. Randall, E. Smith

MDHHS Representatives: K. Wahl, N. Babb, S. Slee, Dr. W. Fales (via phone), E. Worden, M. Lori, D. Detro-Fisher, T. Jenkins, B. Loiselle, J. Allen, C. Moore, K. Ruest

Others Present: Pete Rogers: LSTI, Mark Vrooman: TCEMCA, Chris Haney: Star EMS, Angela Madden: MAAS, Dr. Steve McGraw: OCMCA, Jonathan Hockman: Dorsey Schools (via phone), Dr. Noel Wagner: SVMCA, Kolby Miller: MedStar, Kim Plesik: Superior Air-Ground Ambulance, John Theut: Ferndale Fire Rescue, Mark Meijer: Life EMS Ambulance, Sean Larkins: City of Detroit Fire Department-EMS, Brent Siegel: Northville Twp Fire, Dirk Borton: Huron Valley Ambulance (via phone)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

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

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

Special Guests: None

Old Business:

- A. Ambulance Operations-motion tabled at last meeting.
- Dr. Edwards read the tabled motion to the group: **Motion to recommend the State of Michigan to adopt into its rules that any new ambulance that is manufactured and produced after the effective date of the rule shall meet the current published edition of the Federal Triple K standard as it pertains to structural and mechanical until such time as the Federal Triple K standard becomes obsolete, or, in their entirety, NFPA 1917 current published edition at the time of manufacture or, GVS 2015 Version 1.0 current published edition at the time of manufacture.**
 - **Motion to pull the motion off of the table: Myers, Wilkinson.**
 - Discussion: J. Boyd suggested that the Ambulance Operations committee should hear from a GVS representative after their standards are approved to complete due diligence. There was discussion about the majority of states not making decisions yet. M. Nye spoke to the issues of delaying a decision too long and a date needs to be set to bring this issue back to the table. Discussion ensued around the rules change process, time involved with making potential changes and how the EMSCC should proceed in this instance, as well as avoiding this situation in the future. Mark Meijer from Life EMS spoke from the audience to the sense of urgency surrounding this issue. He is on two of the standards committees, and he believes the Triple K standards are not going to go away as soon as it was thought. M. Nye concurred, but the rules change process is still the concern, and suggested this be brought back to the EMSCC for review in September 2016.
 - **Vote on the motion: Motion to recommend the State of Michigan to adopt into its rules that any new ambulance that is manufactured and produced after the effective date of the rule shall meet the current published edition of the Federal Triple K standard as it pertains to structural and mechanical until such time as the Federal Triple K standard becomes obsolete, or, in their entirety, NFPA 1917 current published edition at the time of manufacture or, GVS 2015 Version 1.0 current published edition at the time of manufacture. Roll call, Motion defeated (Lake, Nye, Scafidi, Whitehead vote yes).**

New Business: None

Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:

- There will be a statewide Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) SharePoint exercise on March 23rd, 2016. This will involve all the hospitals statewide.
- The Special Pathogens Conference will be on March 24th, 2016, at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing, Michigan. The morning session will be speaker presentations, and the afternoon session will be review of the state tool kit as well as a table top exercise.

- The Special Pathogen Response Network (SPRN) site visits to the health care facilities are continuing in Region 5. Regions 7 and 8 will be in May. These are technical support visits rather than survey visits with reporting.
- There will be some polling for an opportunity to obtain additional portable surge ventilators from the state cache. This will go through the coalitions. There will be a survey and then a needs assessment to determine distribution.

EMS Systems Report by Kathy Wahl:

- The state Community Health Emergency Coordination Center (CHECC) is still activated in response and support of the ongoing Flint water situation.
- ImageTrend has been delayed due to unexpected issues with security. DTMB has requested more documents to be filled out and this is being worked on. The project is still moving forward.
- The 2016 Triennial protocol review is in progress. Completed protocols will be posted on the website. All comments will go to the QATF for review. The protocols will be posted for 60 days at a time. Adult Treatment and Adult Cardiac will be posted first.
- -Justin Allen, the new EMS for Children Coordinator, was introduced to the group. He's been working closely with T. Godde on the Direct On-Scene Education (DOSE) project. Funding has been secured for more Pack and Plays, so those are available if a need is found. More information will be published. He is also working on the MI-MEDIC card revisions. These will be distributed when complete.
- Website revisions are in progress to make it more user friendly.
- K. Wahl attended a workgroup meeting with Senator Robertson's office regarding community paramedics. This was in response to legislation proposed by Dr. Bouvier. This is different than what is being worked on through EMS, and it is unclear if this legislation will move forward.
- A new education report is being worked on and will be posted on the website.
- The EMS Expo is coming up in April. S. Slee and K. Wahl will be attending. They are also attending the NASEMSO Conference.
- The Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference in May will be offering one EMS credit, and the Special Pathogens Conference on March 24th, 2016 will offer 7 EMS credits. The group is asked to share this information.
- The first quarterly meeting of the Regional MCA networks will be held later in March.

Trauma Systems Report by Eileen Worden:

- 70 percent of Michigan hospitals are reporting data.
- There are over 120,000 trauma incidents in the Trauma registry.
- Ninety-one people were trained for the Michigan Trauma Registry.
- There is a STAC meeting scheduled for April 5th, 2016.
- Inter-facility transfer guidelines were put on the website.

- Dr. Mlsna was appointed by the Director to fill the vacant STAC position as Medical Director from a rural area. His term runs through January of 2017.
- PHTLS has been supported.
- Regional reports will be out soon.
- A Trauma Fact Sheet was distributed, as well as an updated STAC member list.
- The first request for in state site review was received. That is scheduled for June 2nd, 2016. Another request is anticipated shortly.
 - Discussion: The sources of the data being pulled from ImageTrend was discussed, as well as potential ways to link the data. The development of the Inter-facility guidelines was also discussed. It is suggested to highlight this on the EMS website.

Committee Reports:

A: Quality Assurance by Dr. Edwards:

- The next meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 2016.
- The committee approved an innovative epinephrine special study submitted by Oakland County called BEES.

B: Ambulance Operations by Montgomery Nye:

- **Motion to revisit vehicle standards no later than the EMSCC meeting on September 23rd, 2016. Nye, Wilkinson. Motion carries.**
 - Discussion: M. Nye clarified this would be bringing to the EMSCC by that date, and internal work among the committee would be completed before then.
- M. Nye asked about the department's status on updating the air medical and child restraint checklists. K. Wahl stated it was hoped that funding could be found for the child restraints and work on the checklists will move forward.

C: Medical Control by Bruce Trevithick: Nothing to report.

D: Education by Kevin Wilkinson:

- The committee met on February 5th, 2016.
- The DOSE training will be looked at to include in the regular curriculum. T. Godde will bring data back to the committee on this.
- The transition of the military medic program is currently being taught as a study. Data will be looked at to make this a part of regular training.
- Data will be looked at to make the RN to Paramedic program available to physicians.

E: Statewide Trauma Advisory by Eileen Worden:

- J. Boyd explained that the members of this committee are appointed by the Director.

F: By-Laws by Jeff Boyd:

- The By-Laws committee has been meeting and selecting members. All the subcommittees now have a two-year term, and it will be the chair's responsibility to maintain the member information and keep the by-laws committee informed so new appointments can be made as necessary. Appointments are being made to the committees as follows:
- Ambulance Operations: Current members are Montgomery Nye (chair), Jim Grady, Scott Hicks, Tom Schmeideknecht, Bill Forbush, John Bullen, Chris Lake, Eric Snidersich, Bonnie Kincaid, Brent Siegel and Tom Green. New appointments are Sean Larkins and Chris Stoecklein. **Motion to approve: Lake, Whitehead. Motion carries.**
- By-Laws: Current members are Jeffrey Boyd (chair), Bruce Trevithick, Dr. Robert Dunne, Chris Lake and Bill Forbush. No new appointments required. **Motion to approve: Wilkinson, Lake. Motion carries.**
- Compliance and Licensing: Current members are Ken Cummings (chair), Bruce Trevithick, Dr. K. Don Edwards, Bill Forbush, Kevin Wilkinson, Montgomery Nye and John Bullen. No new appointments required. **Motion to approve: Sorensen, Nye. Motion carries.**
- Education: Current members are Kevin Wilkinson (chair), Dennis Fitzpatrick, Kolby Miller, Doug Pratt, Andy Steeby, Bart Perry, Chris Patrello, Jonathan Hockman and Bob Jennison. New appointments are Dr. Robert Domeier, Shaun Pochick, Chet Dalski and Chris Haney. **Motion to approve: Kincaid, Bullen. Motion carries.**
- Legislative: Current members are Bruce Trevithick (chair), Jeffrey Boyd, Ken Cummings, Damon Obiden, Montgomery Nye, Shadd Whitehead, Tom Schmiedeknecht, Aimee Harju, and Bob Miljan. New appointments are Lance Corey, Jeff White, Kim Piesik and Paul Hood. **Motion to approve: Sorensen, Wilkinson. Motion carries.**
- Medical Control: Current members are Bruce Trevithick (chair), Diane Kay Bollman, Dr. Robert Domeier, Dr. K. Don Edwards, Dr. Chris Rancont, Dirk Borton, Ken Cummings, Bill Forbush, Bart Perry, Bonnie Kincaid and Bob Miljan. New appointments are Debbie Condino and Robert Waddell II. **Motion to approve: Wilkinson, Kincaid. Motion carries.**
- Rural: Appointments are Gary Wadaga (chair), Wayne Beldo, John Bullen, Lance Corey, Bill Forbush, Paul Peterson, Aimee Harju, Bill Hart, Chuck Herbst, Michael Holdeman, Gerald Primeau, Amanda Armatti, Crystal Barter, Dr. K. Don Edwards, Dr. Ed Bigsby, Brenda Brendel, Jeff White and Leslie Hall. **Motion to approve: Nye, Wilkinson. Motion carries.**

- The Quality Assurance Task Force, Data and COPEM are still being worked on.

G: Data Task Force: Nothing to report.

H: Legislative by Montgomery Nye:

- HB 5390: This legislation would require all police and fire units in the state to carry Narcan. It is not expected to move forward. **Motion to oppose: Boyd, Kincaid. Motion carries.**
 - K. Wahl stated the MSP have contacted the EMS office to request training.
- SB 833: This legislation would expand the use of fire training grants from the Fireworks Safety Fund and include fire EMS. S. Whitehead explained this would amend Public Act 291 to expand the use of these funds to all types of firefighter training, rather than just firefighter 1 and 2 training. **Motion to support: Boyd, Lake. Motion carries.**
- SB 769: This legislation would provide an exemption on obtaining a report on patients who are being prescribed or dispensed controlled substances. It does not affect EMS at this time.
- Senator Casperson's Draft #8: The committee reviewed a piece of draft legislation that Senator Casperson's office has stated he plans to introduce in the very near future. **Motion to oppose: Whitehead, Wilkinson.**
 - Discussion ensued around the provisions of the draft. The consensus was that this legislation is not necessary and would have negative implications for the EMS system. K. Wahl reported that many of the recent changes to EMS have been a result of concerns brought forth by Senator Casperson. A discussion ensued regarding suggestions to present to Senator Casperson as alternatives to this legislation.
 - **Motion Amendment: Motion to notify Senator Casperson, in writing, that the EMSCC has concerns with Draft #8 and would like to put together a meeting with Senator Casperson, his staff, and representatives of the Rural and Legislative committees, as determined by the chairs. Whitehead, Lake. Motion carries.**

I: Rural by Gary Wadaga:

- A sponsor is still needed for the Bennett Bill.
- The MFR scope of practice is still being followed while the glucometer, aspirin and supraglottic airway protocols are being approved.
- Recruitment and retention is a hot topic being worked on. They have had presentations at their meetings, and Leslie Hall presented the rural tool kit at the last EMSCC meeting.
- Community paramedicine has been discussed and how this might fit into rural areas.

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- Engagement of the health systems in the rural areas and how this can be helpful was discussed. B. Hart spoke of potential reimbursement avenues for EMS when the hospitals are successful when using rural community paramedics. Dr. Edwards spoke of the expansion of the health systems in the Upper Peninsula and advised there are community paramedicine models that can be sent out, and he'd be willing to reach out to UPEMS. K. Wahl stated this could also be discussed at the MCA conference.
- Loan forgiveness is being discussed with Senator Casperson's office, and they have sent a series of questions to be answered. The details are still being finalized. Data is needed on how short services are. K. Wahl stated she would try to get the data that is needed.
- High school EMS training is being discussed. K. Wilkinson and T. Sorensen both stated they have experience with these programs and are willing to help.
- Grants for rural EMS will be looked at.

Membership Round Table Report:

- B. Hart stated four townships in his county will meet to discuss collaboration and he went over the background on this development.
- T. Sorensen reminded the group of the EMS Expo.
- M. Nye stated there are things in the rural report that can go to Senator Casperson's office for discussion.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Friday, May 20th, 2016.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Boyd, Kincaid.

- Meeting adjourned at 11:43 hrs.