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**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday-September 30th, 2016**

Call to Order:

Dr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Roll Call:

Members Present: J. Bullen, Sen. Casperson, B. Grubb for K. Cummings, Dr. R. Dunne, Dr. K.D. Edwards, B. Forbush, W. Hart, Dr. B. Kincaid (via phone), C. Lake, S. Myers (via phone), M. Nye, D. Pratt (via phone), G. Scafidi (via phone), E. Smith, T. Sorensen, A. Sundberg, B. Trevithick, G. Wadaga, S. Whitehead (via phone), K. Wilkinson

Members Absent: J. Boyd, Rep. Franz, Dr. R. Smith

MDHHS Representatives: K. Wahl, N. Babb, S. Slee (via phone), E. Worden (via phone), J. Chamberlain, T. Godde

Others Present: Bob Waddell; Kent County EMS, Jay Peck; UPEMS Board, Gerald Primeau; UPEMS Board, Larry Hansen; Emmet County EMS, Sandra Vestrand; public, Jim Fleury; Cheboygan Life Support, Noel Wagner; Saginaw Valley MCA, Dennis Palmer; Lansing Mercy Ambulance, Leslie Hall; Michigan Rural EMS Network, Lyn Nelson; Marquette Alger MCA, Jon Stone; Region 8 Healthcare Coalition, Thomas LaTourneau; Marquette City Fire, Kolby Miller; Medstar (via phone)

Special Guests:

Marquette Fire Department

- Chris Lake spoke about the Marquette Fire Department. Eight of the 24 fire fighters successfully went through the paramedic program and passed both the class and National Registry They were present at the meeting and received acknowledgement from the committee.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

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

MINTUES: Motion to Approve Minutes from May 2016 meeting: Forbush, Dunne. Motion Carries.

Old Business:

- EMS Crash Data Presentation Review
 - R. Dunne asked about the mechanism for similar projects to be done in the future. Discussion ensued around IRBs and the processes involved. . K. Wahl stated a flow chart could be developed but for now, she will be the contact person with the MDHHS IRB
- Torch Lake Township EMS.
 - Torch Lake stated their intention to renew their Bennett Bill conditional license to the Bureau after the last EMSCC meeting so a vote was taken via email. The result of this vote was to approve the renewal with 16 votes to approve and no votes to oppose.

New Business:

- Trauma Administrative Rules Revisions
 - Dr. Edwards read the memo from E. Worden: The Revised Trauma Administrative Rules they have been approved by STAC. Our charge was to reflect the current status of the trauma system, remove redundant language (already written in statue or rules elsewhere) and keep to more general language that will not be quickly outdated. The attachment represents close to 18 months of effort. **Motion to approve. Lake, Wilkinson. Motion caries.**

Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:

- The Healthcare Preparedness Program will be developing a continuity of operations planning tool kit to go out to the hospitals later this fall.
- There will be a joint hands on training session with Regions 7 and 8 for Burn Surge facilities at the St. Ignace Community Library on 10/7/2016.
- The Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) classes will be held on 3/14/2017, 6/13/2017 and 9/12/2017, tentatively scheduled at the University of Michigan Medical Center.
- The CMS Emergency Preparedness Guidelines for Hospitals were released on 9/16/2016. Seventeen different health care entities and organizations are part of an enhanced emergency preparedness requirement going forward. These new rules will become active after 60 days (11/15/2016) and the compliance is expected to be completed by 11/15/2017.

- Michigan will have projects recognized at the Federal level at the National Healthcare Preparedness Program Conference in December and will provide several presentations, as well.
- Because of the ASPR funding reductions for the HPPs, there will be noticeable reductions in the individual hospital and pharmaceutical caches. MEDDRUN and CHEMPACK will still be in place.

EMS Systems Report by Kathy Wahl:

- The NASEMSO conference was held in September. One of the goals for the section is for Michigan to become a leader in EMS, and all of the staff who attended the conference have taken on a national role in their area of expertise. Some of the nationwide concerns addressed at the conference include acceptance of a nationwide mass casualty triage system, policies and protocols for EMS that relate to human trafficking, tactical emergency care, integrated response to active shooter scenarios and EMS worker fatigue
- Dr. Fales and K. Wahl attended a training that was in collaboration with fire departments and several EMS agencies in Lansing about integrated response to active shooter scenarios.
- Evidenced based guidelines are being utilized for decision making in EMS, and particularly in protocol development.
- Attributes of a successful rural EMS agency. There is a tool kit that can be found on the NASEMSO website, and the link will be in the next EMS newsletter.
- Opiate overdoses continue to be a concern across the nation and in Michigan.
- EMS provider suicide and mental health issues are starting to be looked at across the nation.
- The EMS for Children program, in collaboration with the Trauma section, has purchased ambulance child restraints. These restraints will be provided to EMS transporting agencies for every transport vehicle and education programs. The educational packet has been developed and will be distributed along with the restraints.
- The MI MEDIC card revisions are ready to go to print and will be coming out soon. They were revised based on feedback from the field. The educational video is being revised, and the cards are written more clearly, so the need for training on them should be minimal.
- The hospital pediatric capability assessment is still open. The Health Care Coalition leaders are helping with this to ensure that all hospitals with emergency departments participate.
- EMS agencies nationally are going to be encouraged to have a pediatric coordinator/champion to ensure that pediatric patients are considered in all aspects of the EMS system. Justin Allen, the EMSC Coordinator,
- Theresa Jenkins, the Region 1 Trauma Coordinator and Lauren Korte, the HPP section Medical Surge Planner are working on this.
- The first Community Paramedic Work Group meeting was held. Each program described their system, and ways to move forward are being looked at. The biggest hurdles are funding and reimbursement for agencies.

- Discussion ensued among the group around different aspects involved in community paramedicine.
 - The workgroup will continue to meet to work on the various aspects of formalizing community paramedicine/integrated mobile health in MI.
- A meeting with MI-EMSIS data vendors was held. We are moving forward with MI-EMSIS Version 3, and this will not have the mapping issues experienced in the current version. Kevin Putman is working on implementation and will start working with agencies to accept data from those already using Version 3. The field bridge will be purchased and provided to the agencies if they choose to use it. This will allow data to be available closer to real time. The last date for accepting version 2 will be December 31, 2017. Effective January 1, 2018 only version 3 will be accepted. Both databases will be accepted before then. Potential interface with the hospital systems was discussed.
- The state received grants for opioid prevention. MI EMSIS Data is being supplied and used to drive outcomes, as well as identify hot spots. Discussion ensued around this topic.
- Carfentanil is a powerful large animal tranquilizer and has been an issue in Ohio, and is now in MI. A conference call was held and was available to all the hospitals and EMS agencies. A health alert message was sent out as well. K. Wahl encouraged people to sign up for the health alert network.
- The EMS Section received an award for performance improvement on the Michigan Course Completion licensure process.
- In November and December, three improvement plan sessions will be offered for education programs that aren't at the 75% pass rate. Best practices will be presented from programs that are doing well. These will be held at Lansing Community College, North Central Michigan College in Petoskey and Bay College in Escanaba. Check the EMS website for updates, and this will be in the newsletter.
- Two sites were added for National Registry testing in Petoskey and Escanaba to better serve our constituents
- There will be significant changes to the National Registry paramedic practical exam. Exam evaluator training sessions are being conducted.
- Effective November 1st, practical exams on the course completion rosters for National Registry will now be verified by the instructor rather than the EMS office. This is being implemented due to delays in the process for students. A letter will be sent explaining this. Instructor accountability and the process for students and instructors were discussed further.
- A webinar on overdoses will be conducted on October 25th, 2016. Judge Davis from Macomb County will be the guest speaker. Free CEUs are being provided and the webinar will be archived and placed on MI TRAIN so that it is available on-line for EMS providers. CEUs will be available on-line as well.
- An educational piece is being worked by T. Godde on human trafficking. Michigan is number two in the nation, and every zip code in the state has someone being trafficked. The Human Trafficking education will also be available to EMS providers via MI TRAIN and CEUs provided.

- T. Godde presented on the DOSE (Safe Sleep) program at NASEMSO. K. Wahl reminded the group that the EMS office has Pak 'n Plays available for distribution if an unsafe sleep environment is found in the field.
- The EMS regional coordinator for the Upper Peninsula has been filled by Amanda Armatti from Bay College. She will begin 10/31.
- An EMS analyst position has been developed to address quality issues including development of benchmark reports based on MI EMSIS data, provide MI EMSIS technical support and education in each region and to assist MCAs and regions with report development, as well as to monitor EMS Compass measures. The position description is at Civil Service for approval.
- The annual MCA Conference is Monday, October 3rd and the first Trauma Conference is Tuesday, October 4th at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI.
- The NHTSA assessment is tentatively scheduled to be held March 27th-31st, 2017. This is not confirmed yet.
- It is requested to hold an EMS System Strategic Planning retreat at the January meeting. K. Wilkinson offered to hold the meeting at Livingston County EMS. **Motion to support: Trevithick, Forbush. Motion carries.** The meeting will be scheduled January 20th, 2017 at Livingston County EMS from 9:30 to 3pm. Michigan is becoming a leader at the national level. At the recent NASEMSO meeting in Albuquerque, Terrie Godde was made Chair Elect of the National EMS Education and Standards Committee, and alternate for the Region V committee. Eileen Worden is Chair Elect of the Region V Trauma Committee, Kevin Putman is Chair Elect of the Data Committee, Kathy Wahl is Chair of the Great Lakes Region Advisory Committee and a member of the NASEMSO Board of Directors, Justin Allen was asked to be a member of the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center NEDARC advisory committee.

Trauma Systems Report by Kathy Wahl:

- Trauma was able to support 74 mini grants. A wide variety of awards were given out for infrastructure development, quality improvement, education or injury prevention.
- Cheryl Moore, the region 8 trauma coordinator, is resigning from her current position. The position is open and posted.
- The Trauma designation team has completed their first four surveys of level three and four hospitals.

Committee Reports:

A: Quality Assurance by Dr. Edwards:

- All of the feedback for the protocols that have been posted have now been reviewed.
- Questions were addressed on ammonia inhalants and naloxone dosage.
- Another Medical Control has joined the BEES study submitted by Oakland County. Due to the increase in the price of Epi Pens, the QATF is recommending other MCAs that wish request to adopt the study follow the structure of Oakland

County for education, training and monitoring. One of the MCAs participating is looking to expand the study to the MFR level in the future.

- Work will continue on the protocol review.
 - Discussion: It was asked if the BEES study applied to personnel licensure level or agency licensure level. Dr. Edwards clarified it would be at the agency level within the MCA. Dr. Dunne stated we can look at other states studies as well to move forward quicker. B. Forbush stated this is an example of the Bureau being responsive. B. Trevithick reiterated that there is a lot of training and follow up involved for this study. Discussion ensued around the ammonia inhalants. Dr. Dunne spoke in response to the contents of the memo, and stated both methods could be abused. K. Wahl spoke to the need for and production of the memo. Dr. Dunne was asked to write an article for the EMS Newsletter.

B: Ambulance Operations by Montgomery Nye: Nothing to report.

C: Medical Control by Bruce Trevithick:

- The Medical Control subcommittee met. The MCA Conference will be held on October 3rd.
- A potential statewide drug box was discussed, but it was decided not to pursue this at this time.
- Creating a state wide system for provider assessment was discussed. This is currently happening at the regional level and may possibly expand to a state wide initiative in the future.
- A mentoring program for MCAs was discussed and this will be worked on further to assist MCAs that may be struggling. There are MCAs willing to help.
- Identifying projects that the regional networks are working on that might be applicable state wide was discussed.
 - Discussion: What happens when a special study is complete was discussed. Dr. Edwards addressed that question and stated a successful special study should be made into state protocol. Institutional Review Board was discussed at length. Dr. Dunne spoke to when an IRB might be needed and when it wouldn't.

D: Education by Kevin Wilkinson:

- The committee would like to add DOSE training to the curriculum. **Motion to support: Lake, Trevithick. Motion carries.**

E: Statewide Trauma Advisory by Eileen Worden:

- There are 41 designated trauma facilities, and four facilities are in process.
- 80% are reporting to the registry.
- 247 people are registered for the Trauma Conference.

F: By-Laws by Jeff Boyd: Nothing to report.

G: Data Task Force: Nothing to report.

H: Legislative by Bruce Trevithick:

- There have been numerous attempts to expand the use of Naloxone with different non-EMS providers. Currently, HB 5790 would expand the use of Naloxone to corrections officers and has passed the House and moved to the Senate. There are additional pieces of legislation trying to address training for police officers on the use of Naloxone. The committee is concerned that legislation continues to be introduced focusing on Naloxone use outside of the medical care system and there needs to be work done with the legislature to identify a plan that talks about managing training, interoperability with the existing medical system, efficacy of the use of Naloxone, sustainability due to costs and the connection with EMS.
- HB 5752-Volunteer Provider Tax Incentive. This legislation would provide for a text credit for volunteer EMS and firefighters. Concerns expressed with the bill as currently written was that it creates a cumbersome process for the agencies. **Motion to support in concept with suggestion that constituency groups meet with Rep. Cochran regarding the form the legislation should take: Forbush, Lake. Motion carries.**
- HB 5881-Use of Epinephrine. This bill came out after the committee's meeting. It is not directly related to EMS, but instead appears to be a language clean up. There does not appear to be any major changes.
- Bennett Bill Revisions – work on revisions to a first draft has been done with Rep. Lafontaine, but it is likely not going to be introduced in this currently legislative session and will most likely not see action until February of next year at the earliest.
- Federal HR 4365-Hudson Bill. This legislation relates to the DEA and controlled substances. C. Lake spoke about this bill. SB 2932 was produced in response in an attempt to codify the way drugs are handled today and hopefully will be introduced post-election.

I: Rural by Gary Wadaga:

- The Bennett Bill improvement was taken off of the agenda as it seems it won't affect many services. Only one service in the state has taken advantage of the Kivela bill. These aren't expected to make a huge impact on EMS and are tabled until there is additional interest.
- The newest protocol release addresses the MFR scope of practice issues that have been worked on.
- EMS loan forgiveness and tuition reimbursement are a priority. Work with Senator Casperson should be done to get this going if there are funds available to help people. An EMT course was offered in Baraga County was offered for \$450 and 12 people signed up. Ojibwa Community College had grant money available and offered to pay tuition (along with other incentives) and attendance sign up increased to over 30 people.

- Recruitment and retention continues to be a priority. Two programs from the Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Michigan Rural EMS Network need to be pushed out. Ideas are being formulated to make courses more fun, such as open houses, a student and an EMS Lab haunted house.
- T. Godde has agreed to speak at the next meeting about High school EMS.
- AED Grants, Save my Heart, Community Paramedics and other initiatives were discussed, along with HB 5752.
- Sabrina Slee was appointed to the national rural committee.
- Senator Casperson briefly spoke about the changes in the EMS Section regarding the Upper Peninsula.

Membership Round Table Report:

- K. Wilkinson suggested looking at the Livingston County high school EMS program for ideas.
- M. Nye stated the group would need to decide how to proceed with Naloxone education in relation to impending legislation. T. Godde commented on training with the Michigan State Police. She has provided training to MSP troopers.
- B. Hart updated the group on efforts by four townships Western Mackinac County working on sustainability issues. They are working together and have utilized a consultant and will meet again to discuss the consultant's report.

Public Comment:

- Bob Waddell asked for better communication to be issued to the MCAs clarifying the process for special studies. Dr. Edwards stated this will be discussed at the QATF.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 18, 2016.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Wilkinson, Sundberg. Motion carries.

- Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.