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MICHIGAN EMS COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 18, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Livingston County EMS

1911 Tooley Rd

Howell, MI 48855

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Dr. Edwards.

Attendance:

Present: A. Abbas; C. Baker (via phone); J. Boyd; D. Condino; K. Cummings; Dr. Dunne; Dr. K.D. Edwards; D. Fedewa; Dr. M. Fill; Ryan Ranke for G. Flynn (via phone); B. Forbush (via phone); W. Hart (via phone); F. Jalloul; B. Kincaid ; C. Lake; S. Myers; Matt Schroeder for M. Nye; D. Pratt (via phone); Lisa Martin for G. Scafidi; L. Sincock (via phone); E. Smith; T. Sorensen (via phone); A. Sundberg (via phone); B. Trevithick; G. Wadaga (via phone); Dr. S. Wise.

Absent: H. Rennie-Brown; A. Sledge; C. Tafoya; Representative J. Yaroch

BETP Representatives: K. Wahl; S. Kerr; E. Bergquist; N. Babb; Dr. Fales; E. Worden; D. Flory (via phone); E. Hendy; K. Putman (via phone); K. Kuhl; M. Ash; J. Wagner; T. Godde; T. Forbush (via phone); L. Nelson (via phone); D. Kapnick (via phone).

Guests: Bob Miljan, HEMS (via phone); Chris Haney, Star EMS; Dr. David Strong, DEMCA; Damon Obiden, WMRMCC; Carol Robinet, Superior Ambulance; Angela Madden, MAAS; Damon Gorelick, DEMCA; Michael Kotulak, Beaumont; Erik Lyons, LCC; Sean Larkins, Detroit Fire; Michelle Harper, Tri County MCA; Eric Snidersich, Saginaw-Tuscola MCA; Dr. Noel Wagner, Saginaw-Tuscola MCA; Dion Stumpo (via phone); Bob Kirkley, Aspirus (via phone); Jeff Spitzley, MDHHS; Jonathan Hockman, Detroit Medical Centers, Cody Black, DRMC; Michael Salisbury, Henry Ford Allegiance; David Slifka, MAAS; Sean Owsley, Michigan Pharmacist Association; Erin Brennan, DMC; Lance Corey, Kent County EMS (via phone).

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda: Lake, Dunne. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 11/16/2018: Lake, Kincaid. Motion carried.

Introduction of Special Guests:

- Kathy introduced the newest team members for the EMS Section.
 - Erika Hendy, EMS Support Coordinator
 - Johnny Wagner, EMS Data Coordinator
 - Michelle Ash, EMS for Children Coordinator

Communications:

- Notice of new alternates for MPFFU
 - Dr. Edwards read the notice of appointments of Lisa Martin as an alternate for Glen Scafidi and Matt Schroeder as an alternate for Monty Nye.

Announcements:

Reminders of upcoming educational opportunities: None.

Old Business & Committee Reports

Strategic Planning Update/EMS Systems Report by K. Wahl:

- Kathy will have the EMS staff present most of these updates in the future.
- The rule reviews are ongoing in the subcommittees and Kathy would like to thank the subcommittee chairs for organizing the meetings. Kathy would like to have this ready to present to the ORR at the end of the summer. The EMSCC will have a chance to review and provide input before this happens.
- Kathy reported she has submitted a proposal for change to add positions and funding for the Division. Some projects may not be able to move forward without the additional funding.
- Krisy gave an update on the Community Integrated Paramedic program progress. Networking was done with payers and getting the word out about the programs. The minimum curriculum has been established. Moving forward, the sub workgroups will work on data and documentation, as well as regulation. The demand is high for these programs.
- Terrie reported there have been record number of IC courses in 2018. The scope of practice document is with NHTSA and is expected to be signed after the federal government reopens. Fisdap is coming to Flint next month with a free 2-day test item writing workshop. The IC curriculum is being updated. Terrie has been facilitating webinars that have been well received. They are recorded so they can be viewed at any time. Terrie reported that spam emails have been going out in her name.
- Emily reported the tentative dates for the MCA and Trauma Conferences will be October 21-23, 2019. Plans are still being finalized and more information will go out later. Emily also reported on the Critical Care work group. The education piece is now being developed and they will be meeting on Fridays for both Critical Care and CIP. Questions and ideas/suggestions may be submitted to Emily.

EMS Medical Director Update by Dr. Fales:

- Dr. Fales presented a slide show with some updates.
 - NAEMSP in Fargo, North Dakota.
 - Keynote speaker was Secretary Tom Ridge.
 - Paper from CARES: *In Out Of Hospital Cardiac Arrest, Longer Scene Times Are Associated With Higher Survival Rates: Scoop and Run May be Deadly.*
 - Paper from Pittsburgh EMS: *Utility Of A Prehospital Crashing Patient Care Bundle In Reducing The Incidence Of Post EMS Contact Cardiac Arrest Of Critically Ill Medical Patients.*
 - Paper Oakland University William Beaumont: *Disparities in Receipt and Utilization of Telecommunicator CPR Instruction.*
 - Dr. Dunne and Dr. Swor
 - MI-EMSIS: *Describing Prehospital Deliveries in Michigan.*
 - Dr. Dunne, Dr. Swor and Dr. Fales

Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:

- Dr. Edwards discussed a new [RISC Toolkit from ASPR](#). This will be rolled out this year.
- More exercises will be planned for the [MI-TESA](#) unit set up. This will allow more people to visualize it. The MI-TESA formulary is also being worked on by the pharmacist group with Farah Jalloul.
- There will be an Advanced Burn Life Support instructor class on April 16, 2019 and each region will be receiving new online module licenses.
- The Michigan Communicable Disease Conference will be held April 18, 2019 in Bay City.
- The Bureau of Epidemiology and Population health has been using advanced surveillance program techniques at the Detroit Auto Show.
- Michigan was selected as one of 4 sites nationally for the Bio Incident Recovery exercise workshop.
- Alyson Sundberg spoke about the upcoming move of Marquette General from the old hospital to the new hospital. 25 vehicles will be moving all the patients and that is expected to take about 8 hours. Livingston County EMS, Jackson Community Ambulance, MMR and Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority will all be assisting, and they will be meeting next week to finalize plans.

Trauma Systems Report by E. Worden:

- Work on writing a Strategic Plan continues. Five workgroups are meeting, and a draft is expected to be available by the spring.
- There are 34 facilities in the queue for designation site visits. Focus visits are being scheduled for those already designated that require some follow up work. They are on track to have all interested and eligible to be verified by the 1st quarter of 2020.
- There are 303,174 incidents are in the registry.
- They continue to work with the Michigan Trauma Quality Improvement (MTQIP) to do some work with risk adjusted benchmarking for level III trauma centers.
- The Trauma staff is at full capacity. Amy Bohner has been hired in the epidemiologist/registrar position.
- Systems of Care discussions are ongoing. Expert writing groups were convened for stroke and STEMI. The goal is to have a plan that will move into something more formal.
- A regional leadership summit is being planned for the night before the Trauma Conference in October.

Committee Reports

- **Quality Assurance Task Force by Dr. Edwards –**
 - QATF will be meeting next Friday.
- **Ambulance Operations by Chris Lake –**
 - The last meeting was January 8, 2019.
 - Chris discussed remounts. There is not a good way to track. An ambulance dealer came in and spoke about remounts, and they went on a field trip to Mercy Sales. Chris went over what happens for a remount. The VIN number goes with the chassis and not the box. The state is going to develop a form that will reflect the Secretary of State's form to verify VIN numbers. Some states don't allow remounts at all. The minimum standards for vehicles are being discussed.
 - The vehicle equipment list is being revised. During the rule review, it was clear the word "minimum" was being used in the rules. The equipment list was revised to be a

minimum equipment list to match the list to the rules and this list is the minimum equipment that must be on the ambulance. The recommendation is to have the minimum equipment list and remove the critical/non-critical wording. Chris went over some of the discussions that were held.

- Ken Cummings asked about the timeline for this list. Sabrina addressed this and said 30 days from when this goes out to the agencies. She went over the due diligence that went into this. Ken mentioned problems they have with availability sometimes. That would be addressed at the time.
- Some of the items are optional per MCAs but would be required if the MCA opts in to those items.
- Emily explained the baby warmers due to a question. The EMS office will be sending these out this afternoon and next week. The caps and the additional card for the MI-MEDIC will be going out, as well. The warmers and caps are disposable and single use. They are not expected to be expensive to replace and have a shelf life of 3 years.
- Doug Pratt asked for clarification. Chris reiterated that the ambulance would be out of service if missing a piece of equipment cannot be replaced during the inspection visit. Doug indicated he would not support this.
- Ken discussed difficulties in getting people trained in larger organizations. He also mentioned logistics of storage of all this equipment.
- Ken asked if this could be pushed to the March meeting.
- Lisa Martin asked to see the entire list.
- Bonnie asked if it will be okay if something on the list is locked in the ALS drug box. Derek and Tammy addressed this. There is normally a list of what is in the drug box and the inspector wouldn't have to open the box.
- Tony Sorensen asked if there are definitions, so inspectors are doing the same thing. Sabrina addressed this and said an inspection manual is being developed. This will go out to the agencies when it is complete and will be posted on the website.
- Bruce Trevithick asked about emergency vehicle operating courses and Terrie addressed this.
- **Sabrina will send out additional documents to the group.**
- **Motion to send this back to the subcommittee and have the subcommittee gather the entire list with supporting documents and email it out to the committee to be discussed at the next EMSCC meeting (Rank, Kincaid). Approved.**
- **Medical Control Authority by Bruce Trevithick –**
 - The committee has not met, but Emily is doing work behind the scenes with QATF to complete the rule revisions. The committee will be discussing topics for the conference, as well.
- **Education by K. Wilkinson –**
 - The next meeting is scheduled for 2/15/2019.
- **By-Laws by Jeff Boyd –**
 - The committee met this morning.
 - They will be looking at bylaws. They will look to add a vice chair to the subcommittees, as well as participation requirements and alternates. These will go out in a formal proposal.
 - The ability of virtual presence was discussed. The bylaws committee does not support the removal of the ability to participate virtually. Bonnie brought up

PSRO. QATF is mostly not considered PSRO, but the session will be closed when it is. This is normally only during special hearings.

- Ambulance Ops
 - Chair Monty Nye, one opening.
 - Bylaws
 - Chair Jeff Boyd, full.
 - Compliance and Licensing
 - Chair Ken Cummings, one opening. This must be an EMSCC member.
 - CoPEM
 - Chair Dr. Edwards. Jeff will meet with Michelle on this.
 - Education
 - Chair Kevin Wilkinson, full.
 - Legislative
 - Chair Bruce Trevithick, full.
 - Med Control
 - Chair Bruce Trevithick, one opening
 - QATF
 - Chair Dr. Edwards, full.
 - Data
 - Chair Bonnie Kincaid, full.
 - Rural
 - Chair Gary Wadaga, two openings (Air Medical, Southwest MI).
 - STAC
 - Chair Jeff Boyd, full
 - Ad hoc: Air Medical
 - full
 - Ad hoc: Safety
 - full
 - Ad hoc: Critical Care
 - Full
- Send interest to the committee chairs, Jeff Boyd, Kathy or Nicole.
 - **Data by Bonnie Kincaid –**
 - The committee met in December.
 - Bonnie spoke about the vendor reports done by Josh Legler.
 - The final report will be complete soon.
 - There is a list of strategic objectives for 2019.
 - **Legislative by Bruce Trevithick–**
 - Bruce went over what happened in the lame duck session. Everything started fresh on January 1st with the new legislators.
 - An analysis of three of the bills were sent out to the group.
 - Transport of K9 in ambulances.
 - Nonopioid directive.
 - Ground transport

- **Rural by Gary Wadaga–**
 - The group met this week.
 - Amanda Armatti and Mark are working on a white paper and it is now in draft form. This will be ready to go soon, and they hope to have the final document for the EMSCC in March.
 - Andrea Abbas has been working with the committee on a quality improvement survey for rural agencies. This is in the testing phases right now. This will gather information on how data is being used. This is expected to go out at the beginning of February.
 - Funding for the SIREN act was included in the Farm Bill that will be distributed through grants.
 - Gary is concerned about a significant amount of EMS closures in the UP. He went over some of the agencies that have closed and the difficulties in providing coverages to the affected areas. Gary stated things are not well in the UP and inroads need to be made into fixing this problem. Alyson spoke to this as well. They have met with some affected townships. They are trying to form coalitions to work on the problems. Dr. Edwards thanked them both for their work here.
- **Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine by K. Wahl –**
 - The caps and blankets will be sent out.
 - Recognition programs are being worked on in 2019. Michelle will be leading the charge on these efforts.
- **EMS Safety Ad Hoc by Chris Lake –**
 - The committee has been meeting regularly.
 - Chris went over the Culture of Safety survey progress. The survey will go out of February 1st. It will run for 30 days and they are hoping for 17,000 responses. The survey is completely anonymous and will be broken down in different categories. No one will receive specific information. Ken Cummings asked how this is assured. Damon Obiden addressed this. This is a 3rd party vendor that has agreed not to share the data. Ken stated the objection is to having agency specific information. He described some of the problems he believes this could cause. The nature of the questions were discussed and Damon explained where they were developed. Ken expressed concern with the requests for agency and MCA. Emily said that can be removed. The group discussed. Per a question from Bonnie, it was decided to add a map indicating regions. Tony Sorensen pointed out that there are only 6 questions on the survey related to safety. Emily addressed this. It is also a culture assessment. This was the best tool that was valid to get an actual assessment on what they should be working on going forward in relation to safety. These questions were weeded out, as there were more. This is a validated tool by a nationally renowned organization. Chris reiterated this is a start, a benchmark, and then we can go from there. The statewide aggregate results should be able to be presented to the EMSCC in May. They can revisit the questions based on what worked or didn't work at that time. Kathy noted that the results will be helpful for the Safety Committee to gather or develop tools to put in a toolkit and the agencies can use them or not. Eileen said there may not be anything actionable that comes out of this, it may just point to issues. The view will be global. Dr. Dunne stated they have been doing surveys and being transparent in healthcare for many years this has enabled healthcare entities to address identified issues to improve patient safety, quality of care and satisfaction. Ken also expressed concerns with validity of the data that comes back. Lisa Martin expressed the agency and MCA information will be useful, as not all agencies

can afford to do their own surveys and that this would be a good service to provide. The contract with the 3rd party was discussed. The level of information that would be provided to agencies will depend on if enough information was obtained to make sure it is anonymous. Emily reiterated the state will only receive a statewide aggregate report.

- **Motion to send out the patient survey as is (Martin, Smith). Approved.**
 - **Roll call vote was done.**
 - **13 Yes**
 - **Dunne, Fedewa, Fill, Hart, Jalloul, Lake, Schroeder for Nye, Martin for Scafidi, Sincock, Smith, Sundberg, Trevithick, Wise.**
 - **10 No**
 - **Boyd, Condino, Cummings, Rank for Flynn, Forbush, Kincaid, Myers, Sorensen, Wadaga, Wilkinson.**
- **Critical Care Ad Hoc by Emily Bergquist –**
 - This was presented earlier in the meeting.
- **Community Integrated Paramedicine Workgroup by Krisy Kuhl –**
 - This was presented earlier in the meeting.

New Business

- **Vehicle markings**
 - Jeff brought this to the group. There was an issue with an inspection and vehicle markings. Jeff asked Jason McDonald from MMR speak.
 - Two vehicles “were taken out of a service” in an inspection yesterday due to a labeling question.
 - The issue is the stickers on their ambulances say “ALS” but the ambulance is licensed as a BLS vehicle. Mr. McDonald explained the agency patch says ALS because the agency is a licensed ALS agency and this patch is on all the vehicles.
 - The group discussed. Kathy said she will discuss this with Mr. McDonald after the meeting.
 - Bill Forbush spoke to looking at the Administrative Rules globally around this.

The committee would like to know the resolution

Membership Round Table Report –

- Dr. Fales reported that Dale Berry officially retired yesterday.

Public Comment –

- See note above from Jason McDonald

NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2019 at Livingston County EMS

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 12:08 p.m. (Boyd, Cummings). Approved.