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MICHIGAN EMS COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 15, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Livingston County EMS

1911 Tooley Rd

Howell, MI 48855

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Dr. Edwards.

Attendance:

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

Absent: Representative J. Yaroch; D. Fedewa

BETP Representatives: K. Wahl; S. Kerr; E. Bergquist; N. Babb; E. Worden; D. Flory (via phone); E. Hendy (via phone); K. Putman (via phone); K. Kuhl; M. Ash; J. Wagner; T. Godde; T. Forbush (via phone); Lee-ellen Bailey (via phone).

Guests: Jason MacDonald, MMR; Chris Haney, Star EMS; Dr. David Strong, DEMCA; Eric Sabatini Regueira, HFHS; Damon Obiden, WMRMCC; Carol Robinet, Superior Ambulance; Angela Madden, MAAS; Damon Gorelick, DEMCA; Michael Kotulak, Beaumont; Sean Larkins, Detroit Fire; Michelle Harper, Tri County MCA; Jacob McGill, Tri-County MCA; Dr. Noel Wagner, Saginaw-Tuscola MCA; Karla Ruest, MDHHS; Jonathan Hockman, Detroit Medical Centers; David Slifka, Reading Emergency; Lance Corey, Kent County EMS (via phone); Antony Hsu, St. Joseph/Save MI Heart; Denise Landis, Survival Flight, Jim Grady, MAAS; Steve McGraw, Oakland County MCA; Kolby Miller, Medstar; Dr. Domeier, Washtenaw Livingston MCA; Mike Holland, Roseville (via phone).

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with addition of item from Dr. Edwards regarding the Rural EMS QI Survey (Lake, Dunne). Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 1/18/2019 (Lake, Sorensen). Motion carried.

Introduction of Special Guests: None.

Communications:

- [CMS proposed changes to reimbursement.](#)
 - Dr. Edwards brought this topic to the group. This is about the HHS innovative payment model, ET3. Dr. Edwards briefly discussed. They are still seeking information. Dr. Dunne spoke about the pilot programs as well. This will involve working with the state. Destinations were discussed. Kathy suggested a work group being formed and possibly a special study through QATF. Bonnie asked about protocols, and Kathy said if they want to participate that protocols should start being drafted. Ken Cummings spoke

about developing relationships. Emily said Washtenaw/Livingston and Jackson County MCAs and advised everyone they could reach out for assistance. Chris Lake spoke to PSAPs and Dispatch centers being potential roadblocks and suggested a communication go out regarding this. Harriet Rennie-Brown responded by saying there are venues in the 911 community to approach and get buy in. She referenced the [MCDA](#). She also indicated the way this is presented to them can make a difference. Funding was discussed. Funding is not clearly laid out. Chris discussed further. He said there are a lot of moving parts and that it is going to move very fast. Harriet said telecommunicators are not required to be EMD trained. Steve Myers said he has asked CMS if the centers must be accredited to apply for the funding and will let everyone know when he hears back. Jeff Boyd spoke as well. Ken Cummings asked Harriet how many 911 centers there are. She said she could do a survey and send it out to the PSAPs. She spoke to different ways they are set up. She asked to make the questions specific. If state mandates something, the state must pay for it. Ken said it would be good to know how big the problem is. He said a secondary PSAP would probably meet the standard. Harriet agreed. Kathy asked if someone would like to draft a survey. Chris Lake volunteered to do this.

- **September and November Schedule**
 - Discussion: Move November 15th to November 22nd and switch with QATF. September will be decided later, and a doodle poll will be sent out. **Motion to move November and table the September. A doodle poll to go out if the date changes from September 20th, 2019 (Lake, Boyd). Approved.**
 - Discussion resumed when Alyson Sundberg returned to the phone. **Motion to move the September meeting to September 27th, 2019 at the hospital in Marquette (Sorensen, Lake). Approved.**
- **Communication from Rachel Rudock from MCRH regarding the Rural QI Survey.**
 - Dr. Edwards read the letter from Ms. Rudock. They are looking for suggestions on how to facilitate a better response. Bill Hart spoke to volunteer fatigue. This may be a timing issue due to the state sending out the safety survey just before the rural survey went out.

Announcements:

Reminders of upcoming educational opportunities:

- The [Save Mi Heart Conference](#) will be held at Livingston County EMS on April 26, 2019.
- [EMS Expo](#) will be held at Boyne Mountain Resort on May 9-11, 2019.
- [MCRH Webinar](#) about addiction at 6 p.m. on April 10th. This is for rural providers, but they are opening it up to everyone.
- Oakland County MCA is having a Stroke Conference at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland on May 3, 2019. Registration is open at www.ocmca.org/stroke.

Old Business & Committee Reports

- Equipment List
 - Sabrina went over the equipment list with the group and Emily projected on the screen. Derek put together a spreadsheet for the group. Jeff Boyd asked about critical failures. Monty addressed this. Minimum should be the same throughout the document. The statute allows 24 hours to come in compliance. Protocols have the same effect as law. Sabrina discussed how the inspectors would address items. The ultimate decision is

made between Kathy and Sabrina to take them out of service. The inspection manual is still being developed and will go out when it is done. If approved today, it will go into effect in 30 days. Lance Corey did a poll of MFRs and many do not have MI-MEDIC. Emily said these are not mandatory for MFR, but they can be requested from [Michelle Ash](#). They would be mandatory if the MCA requires it, such as the MABEES study. Bruce Trevithick asked about the Joint Policy statement that was sent out. Sabrina explained. Eric Smith asked about Pediatric AEDs, and Sabrina indicated there was no change. Ken Cummings asked how this will be communicated. Kathy asked for his input on this. **Kathy said a letter can go out to all the agencies. Motion to approve (Boyd, Lake). Approved.**

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

- Kathy apologized for any delay in responding to her emails and advised everyone she will be out of the office next week.
- Kathy spoke about the Rules Revision. Sabrina and Kathy would like to finalize all the revisions in May and then make final adjustments. The strikethrough and final copy will be sent out to the EMSCC for a vote in September. This is not written in stone, but Kathy would like to get this moving. Ken asked how long it will take the changes to go through the process. The estimate is at least 18 months. The group discussed.
- Kathy would like Dr. Abir to come to the next meeting and provide a report on the out of hospital cardiac arrest study. She spoke to interesting things that have been found in the study.
- Kathy has received several calls regarding number of providers. She talked about the numbers and said she would like to do a presentation so we can see where changes have happened. Chris Lake asked about the numbers and Kathy went over them. Chris Lake suggested adding call volume to the provider numbers. Kathy said she can get the numbers of runs from MI-EMSIS, but keep in mind that is not perfect. Steve Myers pointed out that all people getting licensed as providers are not going to the EMS field. Kathy said we can't track that now, but when Agencies go live in Imagetrend, the providers will be tied to an agency.
 - Provider Numbers 2015 vs 2018:
 - MFR 5,991 vs 6,331
 - EMT 12,681 vs 12,638
 - AEMT 197 vs 303
 - Paramedic 8,889 vs 8,870
- Kathy spoke about the start of the Wednesday Updates from the EMS Office.
- Emily discussed protocols briefly. They are attempting to update them in sets to make it easier for the MCAs to implement.
- Terrie has been working on streamlining the education forms. Documents will be able to be attached to the PDF and these will be much easier to use. The education report is nearly done. The EMS Agenda 2050 is available for review on [ems.gov](https://www.ems.gov). The scope of practice is not complete yet but is being worked on. In 2018, pass rates have improved and she went over the numbers for the levels.
 - MFR 77%-85%, EMT 66%-80%, AEMT 70%-80%, Paramedic 72%-74%, IC 81%-79.5%
- Ken Cummings asked about Michigan receiving [10 million dollars for the opioid crisis](#). He said Governor Whitmer made a comment about this helping EMS. Kathy said the state office will have an opioid coordinator. This person will be helping to write curriculum. Kathy said BioSpatial has an opioid dashboard and they are working with epidemiology to come up with data. When these research programs are requesting data, the state office will be able to share.

Kathy isn't sure what the rest of the \$10,000,000 figure would refer to. Data were discussed. Dr. Dunne spoke to coordination that would need to happen.

EMS Medical Director Update by Dr. Fales: No Report.

Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:

- The state is conducting their annual Strategic National Stockpile exercise next week.
- The CHEMPACK and MEDDRUN training modules have been updated on [MI-TRAIN](#). The course ID is 1031785.
- The [Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference](#) will be held on May 7-9, 2019 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.
- Dr. Edwards talked about [MIHAN](#) activity regarding the Ebola outbreak. Michigan has started to see some of the relief workers from this effort returning. He read the bullet points regarding differences in the 2013-2016 West African outbreak and the current outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
 - Currently no coordination of identification and screening of travelers returning.
 - Current CDC recommendations are to self-monitor for 21 days and are advised to call ahead before presenting to a doctor's office, urgent care center or emergency department to inform them of recent travel and current symptoms.
 - CDC recommends organizations sending workers to the affected region contact health department before the workers return to coordinate plans for screening.
 - Dr. Edwards spoke to the concern of PPE and identifying where some of the workers returning are located.
 - Alternate forms of transport are being discussed.
 - They will start looking at concerns at the state level.
 - Dr. Edwards suggested the plans be reviewed.
- Dr. Edwards also spoke about the MIHAN notice of a report of measles in Oakland County.
 - PPE is important here, as well.
 - Travel history is important.
 - Eileen mentioned providers may be under immunized.
- MI-MEDIC cards are being looked at for pediatric Cyanokits and atropine administration that will be going to the QATF.

Trauma Systems Report by E. Worden:

- Trauma growth and development continues. There are about 30 facilities in the queue for designation site visits. The call for data is this week.
- The Strategic Plan is moving forward. Work on creating the written draft will start in April and hopefully be presented to STAC in June.
- Systems of Care discussions are moving forward. The Stroke Systems of Care group met and came up with thirteen recommendations for the foundational pieces of a stroke systems of care. STEMI also met and came up with similar guidelines. They hope to present this to the EMSCC. They are discussing stroke recognition and severity, as well. STEMI will be reconvening and talking about minimum data set to be collected.
- A speaker from the Las Vegas shooting will be speaking at the Trauma Conference in October.

Committee Reports

- **Quality Assurance Task Force by Dr. Edwards –**
 - The QATF meets next Friday.
 - The QATF held an appeal to the EMSCC in the matter of Kyle T. Mankiewicz, Paramedic v. Macomb County MCA on January 25, 2019. Per statute, the EMSCC bylaws tasks these types of hearings to the QATF. The QATF found that the MCA did follow their protocols and supported their decision based on that. The group discussed, as there was confusion around the process. Jeff Boyd presented the findings of the QATF, which was that the MCA did follow their procedures. **Motion to support the MCA decision based on the fact that the MCA did follow state approved protocols in place at the time the incident occurred. (Boyd, Kincaid).** Discussion resulted in an amended motion. **Motion that the EMSCC support the QATF decision regarding the appeal heard by the QATF on 1/25/2019. (Boyd, Kincaid). Approved. (Fill and Trevithick voted no).**
- **Ambulance Operations by Monty Nye –**
 - Operations met after the roundtable meeting on February 11, 2019. They were tasked with looking at the vehicle advertising issue and come up with language that dealt with the licensure level in an agency's insignia. They met on March 8, 2019. Monty said the committee wanted it to be known that none of the committee felt it was okay to have a level in the insignia on a vehicle that doesn't match the vehicle's licensure level and they went back and forth a great deal to come up with a solution. Monty gave highlights of the meeting. MAAS had submitted suggested language, which included uniforms, but uniforms was not part of the task. **Motion to recommend to the EMSCC that this language be added to the administrative rules: "A life support agency which identifies a level of licensure in its name or brand that is higher than the level of life support provided by a specific licensed vehicle, will prominently display the actual level of licensure on the sides of the vehicle." (Kincaid, Boyd).** Discussion resulted in an amended motion. The department has enough information to address the situation that brought this issue to light. **Motion to recommend to the EMSCC that this language be added to the proposed administrative rules: "A life support agency which identifies a level of licensure in its name or brand that is higher than the level of life support provided by a specific licensed vehicle, will prominently display the actual level of licensure on the sides of the vehicle." (Kincaid, Boyd). Approved. (Pratt and Forbush voted no, Sorensen abstained).**
- **Medical Control Authority by Bruce Trevithick –**
 - The MCA and Trauma Conference will be held on October 21-23, 2019 at Crystal Mountain. An MCA Orientation will be held on the 21st in the evening. The MCA Conference will be on the 22nd and the Trauma Conference will be on the 23rd. A Save the Date notice will go out soon. The MCA subcommittee will be meeting on April 1st to finalize the agenda.
- **Education by K. Wilkinson –**
 - The committee met on February 15, 2019. Terrie covered pass rates, as listed above in Kathy's report. They are reviewing the national scope of practice and Terrie has been putting webinars on the [EMS website](#).
- **By-Laws by Jeff Boyd –**
 - The committee met this morning. They decided the following for the remainder of the 2019 term:
 - **Motion to recommend Dr. Edwards as Chair and Jeff Boyd as Vice Chair of the EMSCC (Forbush, Lake). Approved.**

- **Motion to appoint Tim Newton to fill the vacancy on Ambulance Operations (Sorensen, Lake). Approved.**
 - **Motion to appoint Dr. Wise to Compliance and Licensing (Sorensen, Cummings). Approved.**
 - **Motion to appoint Andy Brown to the MCA subcommittee (Sorensen, Cummings). Approved.**
 - **Motion to appoint Nic Wilson (Southwest Michigan) and Robert Kirkley (Air Med) to Rural (Sorensen, Hart). Approved.**
 - **Motion to appoint Dr. Tina Brent to Air Medical Ad hoc (Sorensen, Flynn). Approved.**
- They are continuing to work on the current bylaws. Hot topics include alternates for the subcommittees and voting by phone. The bylaws will be provided for constituent group review when they are complete. Chris Lake said they talked about the size of the subcommittees. If a chair has a recommendation for more or less people, please let [Jeff](#) or [Nicole](#) know by the end of the year.
- **Data by Bonnie Kincaid –**
 - The committee did not meet.
 - The hospital hub will be operational, and Johnny Wagner oversees that. This will only cover version 3.4.
- **Legislative by Bruce Trevithick–**
 - The committee did not meet and legislation to review became known right after the meeting was cancelled.
 - [HB 4345](#) and [HB 4346](#): These bills are identical to bills from the last session that died and are now being reintroduced. These address overdose training for MFRs and Paramedics. It is important to note the opposition is due to training already being in place. **Motion to oppose as written (Lake, Cummings). Approved.**
 - [HB 4249](#): This bill would change current legislation on multiline phones to remove the specific location identification. Our colleagues in 911 have asked us oppose this. Harriet spoke to the 911 Commission’s position and work on this. **Motion to oppose as currently written (Kincaid, Flynn). Approved.**
- **Rural by Gary Wadaga–**
 - Loan forgiveness and tuition reimbursement continue to be issues. A letter was submitted to Dr. Edwards asking for an endorsement or resolution from the EMSCC to push forward Governor Whitmer’s proposal. This includes higher education, skill training and debt free community college. **Motion to support the concept with Gary Wadaga to wordsmith the final version (Forbush, Lake). Approved.**
 - Amanda continues to work on the white paper.
 - Service sustainability continues to be an issue. He discussed issues in Mackinac and Marquette Counties.
 - They continue to keep an eye on the SIREN Act. There is no new information.
 - MCRH and the EMS Division are working on a flex grant. Kathy spoke to this. It is a multiyear grant for rural areas. The proposal is to look at how to identify when an agency is at risk for closing and then develop a toolkit that could be used by those agencies to not have to close and provide technical and monetary assistance. This is still being written and is not final yet. If we were to receive this grant, it would really benefit struggling rural agencies. The first year would be doing an assessment. This grant has to be able to be replicated by other states in the future, as it is a demonstration grant.
- **Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine/EMSC by M. Ash –**

- The infant caps and warming blankets have been sent out.
- Western Michigan is putting on a [TEEX MTG 439](#)-Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness course on April 23 & 24 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- There will be a Pediatric Conference on June 18, 2019 at the Lansing Center. You can register on [MI-TRAIN](#) and the course ID number is 1083034. Michelle spoke about some highlights of the conference.
- There is a possibility of a grant for a Pediatric Emergency Coordinator. More information will come out later.
- Bruce Trevithick asked about the MI-MEDIC cards and Michelle explained. The updated card did not go out to the Education programs, but they will be sent out.
- **EMS Safety Ad Hoc by Chris Lake –**
 - Chris talked about the survey results. At first, they were disappointed in the response rate, but at the end of the day, it ended up being a good representation of the MCAs and the regions, despite being a small number of responses. They hope to have data from the survey next month. This is the first baby step.
- **Critical Care Ad Hoc by Emily Bergquist –**
 - Emily reported the committee has been looking at operational standards and what needs to be different to be considered critical care. Contracts with entities, such as a hospital, would be accepted instead of owning their own equipment. They are looking at many things. Anyone interested in these meetings should contact [Emily](#). There are concerns about billing. Emily briefly discussed things they are looking at for protocols and billing codes. Kathy said an educational roundtable will be held about billing. Anyone interested in attending should contact [Emily](#).
- **Community Integrated Paramedicine Workgroup by Krisy Kuhl –**
 - Krisy shared that there is a [CIP tab on the EMS Website](#) that has information, and updated information will be added soon
 - Krisy spoke about the 2019 grants. These will be geared to education.
 - They have started the toolkit and Krisy briefly discussed.
 - Krisy encouraged anyone to [email](#) her if they have interest or questions.
 - Krisy will be speaking at the state CIP conference and attending the national conference.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Membership Round Table Report –

- Casey Tafoya spoke about [MCOLES](#) passing [Public Act 128 of 2017](#), which was effective on 1/15/2019. Casey would like input on this, and he summarized the legislation. This involves separation records. The group discussed. **The legislative subcommittee will put this on their agenda.**
- Tony Sorensen would like to encourage the department to work with Alyson to provide credits for the meeting to encourage participation.

NEXT MEETING: *May 17, 2019 at Livingston County EMS*

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 12:39 p.m. (Sorensen, Kincaid). Approved.