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**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday-May 19, 2017**

Call to Order:

Dr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

Roll Call:

Members Present: J. Boyd, J. Bullen, D. Condino, K. Cummings, Dr. R. Dunne, Dr. K.D. Edwards, D. Fedewa, Dr. M. Fill, G. Flynn, B. Forbush, W. Hart, Dr. B. Kincaid, C. Lake, Chris Haney representing S. Myers, M. Nye, D. Pratt (via phone), G. Scafidi, L. Sincock (via phone), E. Smith, T. Sorensen (via phone), A. Sundberg (via phone), B. Trevithick, G. Wadaga, K. Wilkinson, Dr. S. Wise.

Members Absent: Sen. Casperson

MDHHS Representatives: J. Scott, K. Wahl, K. Saterlee-Fink, S. Slee, E. Worden (via phone), T. Godde, E. Bergquist, K. Ruest, J. Spitzley, Dr. W. Fales.

Others Present: John Thert, Ferndale Fire; Steve McGraw, OCMCA; Mark Vroman, TCEMCA; David Miller, STAR EMS; Glenda Dolehanty; Kim Piesik, Superior Ambulance; Marvin Helmker, Lansing Community College; Doug Miles, STAR EMS; Noel Wagner, Saginaw Valley MCA; Dr. David Pastoor, Superior Medical Education; Dr. Michael Paul, St. Clair County Medical; Brent Siegel, Northville Township Fire Department (via phone).

Special Guests:

- Diane Calmus, Policy Manager, National Rural Health Association
 - Diane presented on the Policy and Regulatory Updates from Inside the Beltway. The PowerPoint presentation was sent to the EMSCC members.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

AGENDA: Motion to Approve: C. Lake, B. Trevithick. Motion Carries.

MINTUES: Motion to Approve Minutes from March 2017 meeting: C. Lake, K. Wilkinson. Motion Carries.

Old Business:

- EMSCC Member Composition
 - K. Wahl reported that after the last meeting, she received a request from Paul Smith from the Governor's office stating that he needed the list so that he could get the Executive Order to expand EMSCC composition moving. The list was sent to Paul and included on that list was the Michigan Emergency Nurses Association, Michigan Pharmacy Association, 911 Commission, Office of Highway Safety Planning, and Ex-officio membership from the Legislative and Policy Division at MDHHS (Karla Ruest), and Attorney General's Office. At this time, Kathy has still not heard anything back from the Governor's office.

New Business: None**Strategic Planning Report by Kathy Wahl:**

- K. Wahl stated that she is still in need of feedback from the committee. If everyone is in agreement with the Strategic Plan that was provided to the committee, she will start preparing the Strategic Plan by inputting the goals and she will start working with the subcommittees on developing the objectives to meet the goals. The deadline to get comments or suggestions back to Kathy is Friday, May 26th.

Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:

- On May 24th, 2017, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm there will be a webinars by the National Ebola Training Center, to explore highly pathogenic infectious disease exercise planning for frontline hospitals and frontline providers. Information can be found on the ASPER TRACIE website. No charge to participate.
- The Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response will be conducting a Strategic Planning Meeting the next five years of the preparedness program in Michigan.
- Dr. Edwards encourages organizations to contact their regional staff if they have interest in one of the portable LTV ventilators. A small number of them will be available. The two year maintenance checks have been completed, so that is a cost that would not have to be endured immediately.

- There is a website that is available to help with planning called emPOWER Map. <https://empowermap.hhs.gov/>. It identifies by zip code or county across the country people that have electrical power needs for their medical equipment. This is important to know in the event of a sustained power outage. The Duodote replacements have been ongoing with MEDDRUN and regional caches. The production line at the factory had been down. The manufacturer has been offering a 1-to-1 replacement on the old inventory that they shelf life extended.
- There is a Special Pathogen Response Network Conference hosted by the BETP June 6, 2017 at the MSU Kellogg Center. There is no cost to attend. CE, CEU's and Credits will be provided. The focus will be remains management. There will also be an EMS presentation related to the SPRN protocols that have been developed.
- CHEMPACK exchange in Michigan will be completed by the end of May. Thank you to those that have been involved in this exchange.
- Thank you to those who participated in the State Burn Surge exercise on April 13th and 17th. There were two separate statewide exercises.
- A FEMA Region V Ebola Patient Transport Exercise was conducted on May 12, 2017.

EMS Systems Report by Kathy Wahl:

- K. Wahl introduced Kimberly Saterlee-Fink, the new EMS and Trauma Division Executive Secretary and assistant to Kathy. Kim will be replacing Nicole as the secretary for the EMSCC committee. Please reach out to Kim with any scheduling needs or questions for Kathy regarding her calendar.
- There is a potential new member from the House of Representatives to replace Representative Franz. As soon as there is confirmation, this appointment will be announced.
- Kim will be sending to the EMSCC committee the final NHTSA Reassessment document.
- Emily Bergquist, the MCA Coordinator, is currently working on the MCA Orientation Handbook and has been doing a remarkable job. Once the handbook is completed, Emily will be contacting the MCA Subcommittee for review and input and it will then be ready for the first MCA Orientation scheduled for July 19, 2017 at the Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness office. The event is scheduled from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) and is open to all MCA staff, Medical Directors, and other key MCA stakeholders. Orientations will be scheduled quarterly.
- The first 2017 Quarterly EMS and Trauma update was sent to all EMS Agencies, EMS Providers, and MCA's. Kathy is asking that anyone with feedback on the strategic goals please submit to her no later than Friday, May 26, 2017.
- In honor of EMS Week, Kathy thanked everyone at the meeting. Everyone working together makes a big difference in how the EMS system functions.

Countless volunteer hours of everyone on the EMSCC and the subcommittees go into making the MI EMS system strong, and all are greatly appreciated.

- Kathy Wahl, Sabrina Slee and Terrie Godde attended the MAAS EMS Stars of Life award ceremony at the Capitol May 17, 2017. The Recruitment and Retention committee has started meeting following the EMSCC Committee meeting. Angela Madden and Kathy Wahl met with GERALYN Lasher, Senior Deputy Director for External Relations and Communications for MDHHS, and discussed what kind of resources could be pooled at the state level to begin working on a statewide recruitment strategy. This is in the beginning stages and no promises are able to be made at this point. However collaboration will continue with the Michigan Center for Rural Health and the MI Rural EMS Network on EMS provider recruitment.
- Last meeting Kathy mentioned that a meeting would be held regarding rules revision in-service so that all of the subcommittees begin reviewing rules that are associated with their system component. An in-service will be scheduled soon for the chairs of the subcommittees.
- Sabrina Slee reported that a memo was distributed to all agencies, providers, MCA's and education programs regarding the ImageTrend system. The Personnel Licensure application of the system is planned to go live on June 5, 2017 at 8:00 am. Personnel licensure will be Phase I and Agency licensure will be Phase II. There is not a target date on the rollout of the agency licensure phase as of yet. Field Bridge and MARS are two additional modules that will be added to MI-EMISIS. Field Bridge will be available to all agencies to use for no charge. Field Bridge allows for data into the patient care records in the field, even when internet is not available. As soon as there is internet access, data can be submitted. This will facilitate more near real time data collection. MARS is a mapping and reporting tool for the state to use and is not available to the agencies, but it will aid in creating heat maps and other reports so if your MCA wants to know where certain runs are taking place more frequently, for example the opioid crisis, a heat map can be created to pinpoint the most active areas in your region. There will be a Quality Improvement Analyst available to assist with generating reports.
- Bruce Trevithick posed a question regarding the DNR article in the EMS Update Emily Bergquist discussed the protocol for a signed DNR and provided clarification

Trauma Systems Report by Eileen Worden:

- STAC was cancelled in April as there was not a quorum, however the next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2017.
- The Regional Trauma Network Applications were due into the office on Friday, May 19, 2017 and they will go to the reviewers on STAC and then they will go to the EMSCC Committee. Due to timing, things may have to be sent out electronically for individuals to look at to vote and then respond back to the Trauma section and this information will be sent out after the June STAC meeting.

- Designation applications are coming in. There have been 45 hospitals designated with 10 in process. Trauma is hearing from field staff and hospitals that it is looking like this fall will be busy for them, therefore, they are trying to plan the best that they can for that event and will have to wait and see how things happen.
- Trauma is also thinking about strategic planning. The focus of their efforts for the past five years have been setting up the system and now that it is underway, they need to think about what is the next process. They are going to look at what the next three years will look like for trauma. They are planning to pull together their stakeholders and partners to start thinking about what is next for Trauma, most likely sometime in the fall.
- Eileen provided some feedback related to trauma recommendations in the NHTSA Reassessment. It was recommended that trauma fill the vacant Epi position. It was also recommended that the Crime Victims Appropriation for trauma be reauthorized, the trauma plan should be revised, and more robust quality indicators for the trauma system be developed. Currently work is in progress for each of these individual suggestions. There has been an offer accepted for the Epidemiologist position in Trauma and will be starting on June 26, 2017.

Committee Reports:

A: Quality Assurance by Dr. Edwards:

- The triennial protocol review is still in progress with numerous meetings outside of the routine QATF meetings being conducted in order to complete the revisions and get them out for stakeholder feedback prior to implementation.

B: Ambulance Operations by Montgomery Nye:

- The subcommittee has not met.

C: Medical Control by Bruce Trevithick:

- The committee met in April but they did not have a quorum, therefore, Bruce sent out the notes. MCAs will be the 4th module of the Image Trend system that will be implemented. The Division is seeking MCA input regarding this module. The committee also talked about the MCA Conference which will be held in connection with the Trauma Conference October 25 and 26, 2017 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. There were possible topics suggested for the conference.

D: Education by Kevin Wilkinson:

- Kevin Wilkinson provided the recommendation that there be an ad hoc committee to address Critical Care recommendations made by the NHTSA Re-assessment team as the scope goes beyond just education.

- Robust discussion occurred regarding the recommendation to eliminate the requirement for practical continuing education credits with the exception being pediatric medication administration.
- Kathy Wahl reported that a plan will need to be developed to phase out the practical credits. All agreed there is still great value in having practical education sessions for skill maintenance and continuing education credits can still be sought and granted for this type of education even after the practical requirement is phased out.
 - Recommendation to eliminate the mandatory requirement to have practical credits, with the exception of pediatric medication administration.
 - **Motion to accept these recommendations: K. Wilkinson, J. Boyd. Motion carries.**
 - Anyone interested in being on the Critical Care ad hoc committee should send their information to Jeff Boyd at jboyd@livgov.com.

E: Statewide Trauma Advisory by Eileen Worden:

- Nothing additional to report.

F: By-Laws by Jeff Boyd:

- The By-Laws subcommittee is meeting after the EMSCC meeting and there are three openings, 1 – Medical Control Subcommittee with a recommendation, 1 – Legislative Subcommittee with a recommendation, and 1 – Rural Subcommittee with a recommendation. Recommendations will be ready at the next meeting.
- The By-Laws subcommittee will be reviewing the by-laws. Joseph Potchen, from the Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the by-laws and provided three recommendations in general. These recommendations include: some routine language clean-up, addressing virtual voting with individuals on the phone versus present in person, and the open meetings act. Also need to make sure that the Conflict of Interest is up-to-date.

G: Data Task Force by Bonnie Kincaid:

- B. Kincaid was elected chair of the Data Subcommittee. There was good dialog on goals and objectives for the committee. The goals and objectives will be prioritized by the subcommittee and get them accomplished. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12th.

H: Legislative by Bruce Trevithick:

- 8 House and Senate bills were presented to the committee for approval.
- **HB4269** – This bill would require an ambulance to be at any high school football game or other event at which there may be an injury. This was opposed by the committee last time it was introduced. The Legislative committee recommended

that this bill be opposed. Motion to **Oppose** was set forth by **B. Kincaid**, seconded by **B. Forbush** – **Motion carries**.

- Discussion: B. Hart suggested the language be reviewed to ensure it is the same in the new bills.
- **HB4170** – Physician orders for scope of treatment. The Legislative committee had no recommendation. Motion to **Support** was set forth by **M. Nye**, seconded by **K. Wilkinson**. **Motion carries**.
- **SB288 / SB289** – Health occupations, emergency medical services personnel, community paramedics, regulate and provide for certification. This bill was the same as last session. Oversight would be outside the parts of the Public Health Code that govern paramedic practice. The Legislative committee recommended that this bill be opposed. Motion to **Oppose** was set forth by **K. Cummings**, seconded by **K. Wilkinson**. **Motion carries**.
- **SB33** – Protects the safety of medical personnel related to being the victim of violence while in the line of duty. The Legislative committee is recommending support for this bill. Motion to **Support** was set forth by **J. Bullen**, and seconded by **R. Dunne**. **Motion carries**.
- **HB4528** – Health Professional Recovery Program. The Legislative committee supports the concept of this bill, however, recommended opposition to the Legislation due to previous issues identified with the HPRP. Committee decided to **HOLD** on motion until a later date.
- **HB4539 / HB4543** – Public Health Code. The Legislative committee had no recommendation. Committee decided to **HOLD** on motion until a later date.
- **SB46** – Informational purposes only. This bill discontinues the requirement for roof mounted lighting on emergency vehicles. This has passed legislation and is waiting to be signed into law.
- **SB215 / HB4311** – Bills state that the Safe Delivery of Newborns law apply to EMS only if EMS is dispatched to the scene. The committee would like the bill revised to reflect that EMS would be able to participate in the Safe Delivery legislation whether the child is presented to them when dispatched or brought to the station or to an EMS vehicle. Motion to **Support** was set forth by **K. Wilkinson**, and seconded by **K. Cummings**. **Motion carries**.

I: Rural by Gary Wadaga:

- Tuition reimbursement and loan forgiveness are being worked on by Representative Whiteford. This has been a priority item since this committee started over two years ago. Kathy Wahl reported that some of the Regional Medical Control Authority Networks have not spent their money that is due to be spent by September 30th. Supporting education through scholarships would be an acceptable expenditure.
- Recruitment and retention: The committee will meet after the EMSCC meetings in person going forward.
- The Michigan Center for Rural Health continues to do webinars.

- Service sustainability: Michigan Center for Rural Health has helped develop a survey for determining attributes of a successful rural ambulance service. This will help identify gaps and strategies for success. Staffing remains an issue in some areas.
- The committee would like to get their name out so they become the go to people for rural EMS providers. It was suggested they get an email list from the Department.
- A white page listing the struggles of rural EMS is being developed. The Michigan Center for Rural Health and MiREMS have volunteered to drive this project, they are just waiting for information.
- The rural subcommittee believes there is a place for community paramedics, but they are not sure how to go about putting together programs. Leslie Hall from the MI REMS asked for suggestions for the next EMS Summit.

Pediatric Emergency Report: Justin Allen

- The committee is beginning to explore development of a communication tool that can be used for children with special communication needs. A webinar on child abuse and neglect identification and reporting requirements is in development.

Membership Round Table Report:

- G. Wadaga expressed his respects for the passing of Representative John Kivela. He was a true advocate for Rural EMS.
- J. Boyd reminded everyone that the MCEP meeting will be in the Boyd Conference Room following the EMSCC meeting. By-laws are going to meet downstairs. Recruitment and Retention meeting has been cancelled for today. For the next meeting, both rooms will be opened up to make more space for everyone.
- K. Wilkinson thanked everyone for all of their input regarding the Education Subcommittee items.
- B. Forbush announced the passing of Nick Bernelis, Iosco County, Director of Northern Operations for MMR.
- Dr. R. Dunne stressed that everyone pay attention to the drug shortages around the U.S. as well as the southeastern region of Michigan. There will more than likely be a need for emergency substitution protocols for some of the medications. E. Bergquist stated that there already is an approved D10/D50 shortage protocol. Emergency protocols, last for 60 days. Emily will work on further protocols to address shortages. Dr. Edwards reported that Diane continues to improve. Dr. Edwards also requested feedback regarding holding the July meeting as it is frequently cancelled due to summer commitments of committee members. For the past couple of years, the September meeting has been held in northern MI.

There is a proposal to move the September meeting to Escanaba on September 22nd.

Motion to **Support** cancelling the July meeting and having the September meeting in Escanaba was set forth by **G. Wadaga**, and seconded by **K. Cummings**. **Motion carries.**

Public Comment:

- Karla Ruest introduced Jeff Spitzley, who is now a part of the Legislative team.
- Kim Piesik from Superior Ambulance stated that she appreciates being recognized and allowed the opportunity to speak when there is a very spirited conversation about something that has such a huge impact on EMS.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 22, 2017 in Escanaba.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: J. Boyd, K. Wilkinson. Motion carries.

- Meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.

Action Items:

- Final NHTSA Reassessment sent to the EMSCC committee.
- Recommendation from the Education Committee to form an Ad-HOC Committee to address critical care paramedics. Anyone interested in being on this committee should send their information to Jeff Boyd at jboyd@livgov.com.
- 2017 MCA and Trauma Conference at Grand Traverse Resort in Acme October 25 and 26, 2017. **SAVE THE DATE.**