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STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 22, 2017

Call to Order:

Dr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:42 AM.

Special Thank You:

Dr. Edwards provided a special Thank You to Bay College, along with Laura Coleman, President of Bay College, and Mark Kinney, MBA, ABD Dean for Business and Technology, for allowing us to utilize the facilities for the EMSCC meeting. Mark announced that on January 19th and 20th, 2018, they will be hosting an EMS Conference at Bay College with a reception on January 18th. CE credits are being offered for this conference.

Roll Call:

Members Present: J. Boyd, J. Bullen, Sen. Casperson, D. Condino (via phone), K. Cummings, Dr. R. Dunne (via phone), Dr. K.D. Edwards, Dr. M. Fill (via phone), B. Forbush (via phone), Dr. B. Kincaid (via phone), C. Lake, S. Myers, M. Nye, E. Smith, T. Sorensen, A. Sundberg, B. Trevithick, G. Wadaga, K. Wilkinson, Dr. S. Wise and Rep. Yaroch.

Members Absent: D. Fedewa, G. Flynn, W. Hart, D. Pratt, G. Scafidi, L. Sincock

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

Others Present: Connie Nault, UPHS Rampart; Robert Bower, UPHS Rampart; Robert Manson, UPHS Rampart; Santina Waldron, Alger County Ambulance; Rebecca O'Brien, Masonville EMS; Angela Madden, MAAS; Dr. Ed Bigsby, Delta County MCA; Cory Roell, Star Ambulance; Steve McGraw (via phone), OCMCA; Dave Slifka (via phone), Reading Emergency Unit Hillsdale County; Andy Brown (via phone), Superior; David Curtis (via phone), Superior; Dion Stumpo (via phone), White Lake Ambulance, Jason McDonald, Patrick Siegel, Med Flight; Lyn Nelson, Region 8 Trauma Coordinator; Tina Walker.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

- **Agenda: Motion to Approve: C. Lake, K. Wilkinson. Motion Carries.**
- **Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes from May 2017 meeting: C. Lake, K. Wilkinson. Motion Carries.**

Old Business:

- Introduction
 - K. Wahl introduced Rep. Yaroch as the newest EMSCC Committee member. Rep. Yaroch has been a Paramedic I/C for many years and is replacing Rep. Franz.
- ByLaws
 - J. Boyd reiterated to the committee that if you do not have your alternate committee member name and information listed, please make sure that you get that information over to K. Wahl or K. Saterlee-Fink as soon as possible.
- EMSCC Member Composition
 - K. Wahl reported the Executive Order to expand the EMSCC composition will hopefully be issued in November.

New Business:

- **The 2018 EMSCC Meeting Schedule:** was presented to the committee for approval. The committee unanimously agreed to hold the September 2018 meeting at Bay College in Escanaba.
 - **Motion to accept these changes: B. Forbush, G. Wadaga. Motion Carries.**
- **Regional Trauma Network (RTN) Applications:** E. Worden reported that the RTN applications are required to be resubmitted every three years to the STAC. The STAC has approved all of the applications. The EMSCC was requested to approve the RTN applications. Each region will then be recognized by the Department Director for three more years.
 - **Motion to accept the recommendation of STAC to approve the RTN applications: J. Boyd, B. Forbush. Motion Carries.**

Strategic Planning Report / EMS Systems Report by Kathy Wahl:

- K. Wahl presented progress on the Strategic Plan goals.
 - Critical Care Paramedic Recognition Ad Hoc Committee is being formed and will be a subcommittee of the EMSCC. J. Boyd has been receiving nominations/suggestions for the subcommittee members, to be discussed later in the meeting.
 - The Community Paramedic (CP) workgroup is in process and is meeting monthly. Measurable indicators are being submitted quarterly by the 11 active programs that are functioning in 13 counties. A standard CP training curriculum is currently being developed. The Division of EMS and Trauma submitted a CP Program grant application to the Michigan Health Foundation. This was an invitation only grant. Awards will be announced in November, 2017. A CP presentation was provided to Public Health Administration leaders Policy Planning and Legislative Services, Representatives Whiteford and Yaroch, and Chris Priest from Medicaid. A meeting has also been held with Huda Fadel from the Blue Cross Social Mission area regarding potential program funding opportunities. Emily Bergquist has worked diligently on the CP project.
 - A Recruitment and Retention (R&R) committee has been meeting regularly, and consists of a broad range of representatives K. Wahl has also met with MDHHS

communication staff and they will be working with a firm to develop a recruitment strategy that will include social media. Recruitment efforts will also occur through Michigan Works.

- The Medical Control Authority (MCA) Orientations have been developed and conducted in Lansing and Escanaba with a third one planned for October in Acme. Attendance has been excellent and feedback very positive. The orientations will continue quarterly. The MCA Handbook has been completed and is available on the EMS website.
- The MCA Conference October 25, 2017 will feature a speaker to discuss engaging the hospital C-Suite for MCA Success. Some of the smaller hospitals have been inquiring about how to get the hospital administration involved so that they recognize the importance of EMS and their role in the MCA.
- K. Wahl thanked all of the individuals in the Upper Peninsula for welcoming her and Emily Bergquist during their UP tour August 21 – 25, 2017. They met with many agencies, hospital representatives, MCAs, EMS providers, EMS educators, and township representatives from across the UP. Amanda Armatti, the UP Regional Coordinator, organized the meetings. Her leadership has been well received in the UP. The UP tour will be conducted on an annual basis. If agencies are interested in hosting a meeting or would just like for the members to visit, please contact Amanda Armatti at ArmattiA@Michigan.gov. Emily Bergquist and Justin Allen will be traveling to the UP in February to provide education on Pediatric Medication Administration (practical credit), and the new State protocols.
- The Division of EMS and Trauma has collaborated with the Michigan Center for Rural Health, on an EMS Quality Improvement Summit. The summit is scheduled in Gaylord, October 5, 2017. Two individuals from each Rural MCA are able to attend free of charge. The speaker, Mike Taigman, is a nationally recognized subject matter expert on the topic of EMS quality. He was selected by Dr. Jon Krohmer, NHTSA EMS Medical Director, to lead the EMS for the Future project.
- The Michigan Center for Rural Health has left over grant flex dollars that they are aiming to use on a Community Focused Quality Improvement project for a rural area. More information will be shared on this in the near future.
- The Regional Medical Control Authority Networks (RMCAN) were formed two years ago. Their initial charge was to build a network, identify and implement projects that benefit their individual region. The first two year cycle of funding will be complete September 30, 2017. Some of the RMCAN projects included: purchasing new drug boxes, consolidating drug boxes, providing education, websites development that includes protocols and education, purchased tactical plates for hostile environment response, and one is doing a study on drug storage related to environmental temperatures in the ambulances. Quarterly RMCAN conference calls are conducted for information sharing. Some RMCANs have worked together to complete mutually beneficial projects, 2N, 2S, and 3. The grant funding will be offered again to the MCA's for the FY2018 in order to continue to strengthen the infrastructure to support the EMS and Trauma system. The 2018 funding, will require some type of Quality Improvement initiative that supports the regional system and scholarships for EMS providers

to help with the shortage of MFR, EMT and Paramedics. The remainder of the funds will then be used on other regionally agreed upon projects

- The department is accepting the recommendation of the EMSCC and Education Subcommittee to eliminate the requirement for practical credits for license renewal with the exception of the Pediatric Medication Administration practical, which will still be required. This new procedure will take effect January 1, 2018. In early October the structure will be communicated to all.
- The Quality Assurance Task Force (QATF) has been working diligently on the protocols. They will be rolled out at the MCA Conference October 24, 2017. Emily Bergquist and the entire QATF has done a remarkable job ensuring that the protocols are evidence based or recognized best practices. The protocols are currently out for review until September 30, 2017 on the EMS website at http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5093_28508_76836-403854--,00.html. (www.michigan.gov/EMS, click on protocols, click MCA Correspondence). Actual implementation of the new protocols will be April 1, 2018.

Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:

- There was an HPP Strategic Planning session on September 14th and 15th, 2017 at the MacMullen Training Center in North Higgins Lake. There was good EMS involvement including Dr. Fales, Kathy Wahl, Justin Allen, district coordinators, as well as state Health Departments and Michigan Hospital Association.
- The Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference is scheduled for spring 2018. The Bureau has been asked to provide 12 lecture presentations at the conference which provides a renewed emphasis on the importance of the healthcare in disasters and preparedness.
- The State Burn Surge Facility Exercise, round 2, will be held October 2, 2018. Regions 1, 3, 5, and 8 will be held from 8am – 12pm and regions 2N, 2S, 6, and 7 from 1pm – 5pm.
- The Joint Provider Surveyor Training Conference will be held October 27, 2017 at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing. The conference involves predominantly individuals who deal with long-term care as well as surveyors. This conference is being solely based on emergency preparedness and is the first time this has been offered. As of September 22, 2017, over 900 individuals have registered for this conference.
- Acting Manager for the Healthcare Preparedness Program Section is Amber Pitts.
- The Burn Surge Facility, which is part of the mass casualty burn component, had a small rollout at the spring IC conference and will be repeated at the October 6, 2017 IC Conference. IC credits will be issued.
- Michigan participated in a 1-for-1 exchange on the old expiration dated Duodotes. There was no cost for the exchange.
- The emPOWER Map available at <https://empowermap.hhs.gov/> is a tool to use for emergency planning. It identifies aggregate data by zip code or county people that have electrical power needs for their medical equipment. This is important to know in the event of a sustained power outage. This website is sponsored by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE.)

Trauma Systems Report by Eileen Worden:

- Trauma is currently following up on the NHTSA recommendations and hosting a Strategic Planning meeting on October 3, 2017 at Livingston County EMS. The last published plan for Trauma was in 2004.
- The annual Trauma Conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI on October 26, 2017. There will also be a BCON (Bleeding Control) training course as a part of the conference.
- There are 53 designated trauma facilities as of the present time. The provisional inaugural period ends December 31, 2017
- There are over 200,000 incidents in trauma.
- There are two open positions for regional coordinators, one in 2N and the other 2S. Those positions have been posted.

Committee Reports:**A: Quality Assurance by Dr. Edwards:**

- Dr. Edwards thanked everyone for their patience with the timeline as it has been an extremely large project. There has been an enormous stakeholder response to the posted draft protocols. Each comment or suggestion is reviewed. Dr. Edwards thanked Emily Bergquist for her leadership on the project.
- Emily Bergquist, MCA Coordinator, stated that there will not be a regular QATF meeting for the month of October. Regular QATF reviews will resume in November. The new protocols will be rolled out October 25, 2017 at the MCA Conference.

B: Ambulance Operations by Montgomery Nye:

- The subcommittee has not met.

C: Medical Control by Bruce Trevithick:

- Since the last EMSCC meeting, the Medical Control has had two meetings.
 - The state is implementing four modules to the licensing management system one of the modules will be an MCA module. The MCA Subcommittee is participating in planning information to be contained in that module.
 - The MCA Subcommittee worked with K. Wahl regarding suggestions for the MCA Conference on October 25, 2017.
 - The subcommittee discussed award opportunities for individuals to be recognized at the MCA Conference and nominated by their peers. All recommendations should go to Kim Saterlee-Fink at SaterleeK@Michigan.gov. There are 10 categories: Physician, Registered Nurse, Dispatcher, Educator, Pediatrics, Paramedic, A-EMT, Basic EMT, MFR-EMR and Administration. One person from each category will be recognized at the conference.
 - The subcommittee reviewed and provided feedback for the MCA Handbook.
 - As a component of an MCA toolkit, MCAs may submit their annual reports to be shared on the EMS website.
 - The subcommittee will be reviewing the MCA administrative rules in November, 2017, to determine if any revisions are needed.

D: Education by Kevin Wilkinson:

- K. Wilkinson provided information that one of the subcommittee members has resigned from the board but does not have the formal resignation yet. If there are individuals interested in serving on the subcommittees, please make sure that those names get to J. Boyd at jboyd@livgov.com.
- The Education subcommittee will be evaluating IC credit requirements.

E: Statewide Trauma Advisory by Eileen Worden:

- It was discussed and consensus reached that this agenda item will be removed and combined with the State Trauma Systems Report for future meetings.
- STAC has fulfilled their three year obligation and therefore a listing of the STAC membership, statutory requirements for the membership, and a fillable application will be posted on the website Monday, September 25, 2017 for new STAC membership.

F: By-Laws by Jeff Boyd:

- Appointments to the EMSCC committee are done by the State of Michigan, whereas the appointments for the subcommittees are all done by the By-Laws subcommittee. The By-Laws subcommittee met and agreed upon the following nominations.
- New Appointments:
 - **Medical Control Authority Subcommittee** – Diane Bollman – deceased and Robert Waddell – retired. Current nomination is for Damon Obiden. Motion to **Accept** was set forth by **B. Kincaid**, seconded by **B. Forbush** – **Motion carries. (There was one opposition)** Additional applications have been sent to Jeff Boyd to fill the additional vacant position.
 - **Rural Subcommittee** – Ammie Harju – retired. Current nomination is for Ed Unger. Motion to **Accept** was set forth by **K. Wilkinson**, seconded by **G. Wadaga** – **Motion carries.**
 - **Data Subcommittee** – MHA Representative – Recommendations will be presented at the next EMSCC committee meeting.
 - **Legislative Subcommittee** – Shadd Whitehead – retired; Kim Pieseck – retiring as of December 31, 2017. Current nomination is for Greg Flynn. Motion to **Accept** was set forth by **K. Cummings**, seconded by **C. Lake** – **Motion carries.** There is one additional opening on the subcommittee to be filled.
 - **Critical Care Ad Hoc Subcommittee** – This subcommittee at this time is a temporary committee, however, it is possible that ad hoc committees may become a permanent subcommittees of the EMSCC. Current nominations are for the following individuals:
 - Dustin Hawley, Superior Air-Ground, Critical Care Coordinator
 - Chris Patrello, I/C Board Member
 - Tony Sorensen, Life EMS I/C
 - Dr. Bill Fales, State EMS Medical Director
 - Bruce Trevithick, Genesee County MCA
 - Jake Offerman, Livingston County EMS
 - Curt LeSage – UPHS – Management – EMS
 - Bob Kirkley – Aspirus EMS – Iron River
 - Jake Smith – Valley Med Flight
 - Ed Unger – Manistique EMS

- Dr. Christine Brent – University of Michigan
- Dr. David Strong - Henry Ford Hospital
- Tim Slosser – Alpena Fire
 - **Approved by Dr. Edwards, EMSCC Chair.**
- The subcommittee has been 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. There was in-depth discussion regarding virtual voting of individuals on the phone versus present in person. Once the corrections have been made, Jeff Boyd will be sending out the updated version of the bylaws. It is stated in the current bylaws that there will be one annual EMSCC meeting, therefore, the January, 2018 meeting will be the annual meeting.

G: Data Task Force by Bonnie Kincaid:

- B. Kincaid reported that the next Data Subcommittee meeting would be held on September 27, 2017 at the BETP office at 9:00am. The subcommittee continues to move objectives forward including obtaining support from IT individuals. The group is currently comparing data elements between CARES and NEMSIS to determine validity. K. Cummings asked if there would be new data user agreements for the new version of MI EMSIS. B. Trevithick inquired about the deadline that all agencies must be on the new version of MI EMSIS. That date is December 31, 2017. Bruce also stated that MCA's should enforce agencies to push their data to the state level for reporting. Justin Allen, State Quality Assurance Analyst, will be conducting trainings on the new version.

H: Legislative by Bruce Trevithick:

- B. Trevithick reports that the subcommittee met on September 11, 2017 and had a few items that the subcommittee forwarded to the EMSCC for discussion:
- **HB4651 / SB400** – This bill focuses on 911 and 911 funding. Due to the fact that this bill mentions the "Emergency 911 service enabling act", the subcommittee suggested collaboration with 911 counterparts and legislators involved. There should be a focus on addressing the gaps between EMS and 911 legislation and making sure that there is representation on the state 911 committee for EMS individuals. Kathy Wahl also stated that they have requested representation from the 911 commission to be on the EMSCC. B. Hart reviewed the state law as it relates to representation on the 911 committee; there are representatives from MAAS, UP-EMS, LARA, Fire and other public safety representatives.
 - The Legislative subcommittee recommended support for the bill. Motion to **Support** was set forth by **S. Myers**, seconded by **K. Wilkinson** – **Motion carries.**
- **HB4721** – This bill relates to immigration status. The Legislative subcommittee had no recommendation at this time but will continue to monitor this bill.
- The Legislative subcommittee examined the latest Safe Delivery of Newborns Act. Currently EMS is included only if they are dispatched to a location and the child is being abandoned.
 - The Legislative subcommittee recommended to change the law include EMS in the same category as police and fire agency. Motion to **Support** was set forth by **K. Cummings**, seconded by **M. Nye** – **Motion carries.**

I: Rural by Gary Wadaga:

- Tuition reimbursement and loan forgiveness are being worked on by Representative Whiteford and continues to be worked on as a priority item as a recruitment strategy to help mitigate the EMS provider shortage.
- Recruitment and retention: K. Wahl has started the process of funding for a recruitment campaign.
- High School EMS programs are being offered. Chuck Herbison graduated 6; Jeff White has 6; Ed Unger is beginning a program working with his intermediate school district; Lance Corey stated that he has received a grant that will aid in the paramedic course in his area; and EMT and Paramedic Education programs can be promoted by Michigan Works.
- Service sustainability: B. Hart reported that Mackinac County is doing some collaborative activities and establishing an authority in western Mackinac County to help with services in that area.
- A white paper on the struggles of rural EMS is being developed. The Michigan Center for Rural Health and MiREMS have volunteered to drive this project. The meeting in October will be a work session on this project.
- There is a niche for community paramedicine in rural settings, but it is a struggle to implement.
- The rural subcommittee wants providers to know they are here and listening and willing to help. Gary Wadaga will provide an article for the next EMS Update from the Division of EMS and Trauma.
- Amanda Armatti, Region 5 EMS Coordinator, will be helping to establish a Google list for rural EMS resource information sharing.
- The Rural QI Summit will be held Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Otsego Club and Resort in Gaylord. There will be a dinner the evening of Wednesday, October 4, 2017. The rural subcommittee is invited to attend with the opportunity to speak with Michael Taigman, FirstNet Solutions speaker, regarding rural EMS and future directions.
- There has been discussion about the elimination of practical credit requirements for license renewal and how that may affect rural, hopefully no big changes as clinical competency is already a part of the life support agency responsibility and is verified at inspections.
- There was a meeting held Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in Frankenmuth, MI with the Michigan Township Association. K. Wahl and B. Hart spoke at this meeting. Kathy stated that the meeting went very well and was attended by many firefighters and EMS individuals. Emily Bergquist provided information on community paramedicine, and Terrie Godde presented on human trafficking.
- Rural representation on the EMSCC committee was discussed. J. Boyd will keep the subcommittee informed on when an opening for the EMSCC committee is available.
- There has been discussion on the composition of the EMSCC and each of the associations that it is required to have representation from a county with a population of 100,000 individuals. The question has been discussed whether 100,000 can be dropped to 50,000 for rural. This would require a change to the Public Health Code. It may be possible to do this via executive order, but no formal recommendation or consensus was reached by the EMSCC.

- The Kivela Bill allows for limited advanced life support on a non-24/7 basis in areas with less than 10,000 individuals or less than 7 individuals per square mile. This bill sunsets December 31, 2017. Only one service in the state took advantage of this bill.
- Dr. Bigsby suggested that the region 8 MCAs may want to adopt the Basic EMT Epinephrine Study (BEES) that has been implemented in several MCAs. This can save money for the rural MCAs.
- Thank you to Kathy Wahl and Emily Bergquist for their UP Tour and meet and greet. It was very much appreciated and hope there will be more in the future.

Pediatric Emergency Report: Justin Allen

- COPEM has been very active and is meeting quarterly. Some of the projects in the works are:
 - Non-verbal communication cards for children with special needs including English as a 2nd language and children with Autism. These will be distributed to EMS agencies and Emergency Departments in the state when completed.
 - Alyson Sundberg stated that the Healthcare Coalition purchased some non-communicative tools that were very nice and worked well. They were small size flip charts for the ambulances and ED with matching posters. Alyson will send Justin a copy of what she has for reference.
 - Child Abuse Awareness Training is being developed.
 - Planning a Pediatric EMS and Trauma Statewide Conference will be held in 2018. A planning committee will be established soon.
 - Collection of baseline data for two of the EMS for Children performance measures has been completed. Once the data is analyzed it will be reported to the EMSCC committee.

Membership Round Table Report:

- Sabrina Slee updated the committee on the implementation of the license management system that went live on June 26, 2017. There is a user guide for anyone having issues or contact the EMS office. The agency licensure module will be implemented in early 2018. Kevin Putman is working on this implementation as well as transition to NEMSIS 3.0. MEDCOM had a meeting with MPSCS regarding First Net. The State of Michigan has opted in. More information will be shared as this progresses. Staffing changes include the retirement of Lori Lynn, Derek Flory-Mullins is now performing Lori's duties related to agency licensing. Justin Allen is now the EMS for Children Coordinator and QI Analyst.
- B. Forbush explained that FirstNet is a National Broadband Initiative originally developed to be a Governmental Public Safety only data network which is federally regulated. In the process of creating First Net, it was originally going to be a partnership between a vendor (i.e. Verizon, Sprint, AT&T) to build this governmental independent network but in the process it became a commercial network that had priority for public safety use. AT&T has been selected as the national vendor. Verizon responded with a bigger network and cheaper pricing. This will be used for mobile data. More information to come at a later date regarding how this effects EMS.
- J. Boyd announced that the Michigan EMS Expo will be at Mission Pointe, Mackinac Island May 3-6, 2018. It will be held at Boyne Mountain on May 9-11, 2019.

- Dr Fales attended a workgroup in Washington DC on Fentanyl and officer/first responder safety. PPE recommendations came out in July, 2017. To date, there has not been any confirmed responder adverse effect from exposure to Fentanyl. It is still recommended to wear gloves but dry dermal contact that might incidentally occur during a routine EMS response to an overdose has not generated any substantiated adverse effects.
- S. Myers reported that the Annual Fall IC Conference will be held October 5, 2017 at the Radisson.
- A. Sundberg again reiterated how well Kathy Wahl and Emily Bergquist were received during the meet and greet at the UP Tour.

Public Comment: None Voiced

Next Meeting: Friday, November 17, 2017 at Livingston County EMS.

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

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Action Items:

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