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MICHIGAN EMS COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 21, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Bay College

M-TECH Building

2000 N. 30th Street

Escanaba, MI 49829

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Dr. Edwards. Bay College was thanked for hosting this meeting.

Attendance

Present: J. Boyd; D. Condino (via phone); K. Cummings (via phone); Dr. Dunne (via phone); Dr. K.D. Edwards; Dr. M. Fill (via phone); G. Flynn (via phone); B. Forbush (via phone); W. Hart (via phone); E. Snidersich for B. Kincaid (via phone); C. Lake; S. Myers; M. Nye; D. Pratt (via phone); E. Smith; T. Sorensen (via phone); A. Sundberg; B. Trevithick; G. Wadaga (via phone); K. Wilkinson (via phone); Dr. S. Wise (via phone).

Absent: J. Bullen (retired); L. Sincock; Senator Casperson; D. Fedewa; G. Scafidi; Representative J. Yaroch.

BETP Representatives: K. Wahl; S. Slee (via phone); E. Bergquist; Dr. Fales; E. Worden (via phone); Terrie Godde (via phone); Derek Flory-Mullins (via phone); Kevin Putman (via phone).

Guests: Karla Ruest, MDHHS Policy; Farah Jalloul (via phone), Dr. McGraw (via phone); Ed Gilsdorf (via phone); Chris Haney (via phone); Harriet Miller-Brown (via phone); Dr. David Strong, (via phone); Carol Robinette (via phone); Adam Massingill (via phone); Angela Madden, MAAS; Damon Obiden; Dr. Ed Bigsby; Bob Bower; Edwin LaCrosse; Katrina Rushford; Bob Kirkley; LaVerne Smith.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda: C. Lake, A. Sundberg. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes from March 16, 2018 meeting: J. Boyd, C. Lake. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Reminders of upcoming educational opportunities:

- EMS Expo will be held at Boyne Mountain, May 9-5, 2019
- Bay College in Escanaba will be hosting their second annual EMS Conference February 7-9, 2019
- The UPEMS Conference is being held October 11-13, 2018

Old Business & Committee Reports

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

- Executive Order: Kathy reported that the additional new members of the committee will be formally announced at the November meeting. Two of the new members were on the phone (Farah Jalloul, MPA, and Harriet Miller-Brown, the State 911 Director).



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- The Michigan Physician Ordered Scope of Treatment (MI POST) committee has been meeting. There have been three very productive meetings. The MI POST form is mostly finalized and the committee will work on FAQs, instruction sheets, and rules. The education plan for rolling out the new form and processes will be during sprint 2019 conferences. Also Webinars will be provided and other mechanisms are being determined.
- The MI EMSIS v. 3.4 transition is in progress. The data validation plan is in progress with the data manager and data consultant. They have been working with the vendors to identify issues and are working through the identified problems with the vendors. System metrics have been identified to assess how the system is actually functioning. Reports have been developed around the system metrics and will be shared with all of the MCAs.
- CoPEM/EMSC will be working on an EMS agency pediatric recognition program; they will also be working on a hospital ED pediatric readiness program in collaboration with the healthcare coalitions. Lauren Korte, HPP program has worked closely with the healthcare coalition leadership and hospital pediatric champions to encourage ED Manager participation in the National EMSC performance measure survey that was just closed. Michigan had over 80% participation. Results will be shared when they are available. The baby warming blankets and caps are here and the additional MI MEDIC card reflective of the new pediatric pain management protocols just arrived. These items will be provided to all EMS agencies as discussed in previous meetings. The mailings are being consolidated to save time and \$.
- Electronic licensing-the DET has developed an internal process improvement team to address issues identified with the provider e-licensing process. A single application was developed and recently implemented. This appears to have made it easier for providers to apply for licenses. Lessons learned are being utilized as agency e-licensing processes are developed. It is anticipated that agency licensing will go live in early 2019.
- Regional Medical Control Authority Network grants have been utilized to support EMS education, quality improvement activities and a variety of other important EMS and trauma system initiatives. A report will be developed. There does not appear to be any further money left for grants in the 2019 budget. Funding is very tight, and the department needs to identify other funding sources in order to be able to push funding for projects out to the front lines in the future. Any ideas are welcome, as the department feels that the grants have been important and have benefited the EMS agencies throughout the state.
- The IC survey has been closed, and analyzed. The results will be shared with the EMS Education subcommittee at the October meeting.
- The Workforce survey is complete and has been analyzed. Kathy is putting this into an EMS workforce assessment document that is about 75% complete. Results will be shared with the EMSCC as well as the Recruitment and Retention workgroup.
- Recruitment and Retention efforts have involved funding a statewide recruitment campaign via social media with a target of 18-25 year old individuals (where MI has the biggest age gap in providers). Each of the RMCANs supported EMS provider education in the form of education grants and some sponsored programs. Region 5 developed a recruitment video that will be shared statewide.
- EMS Rules reviews continue forward. Several of the subcommittees have completed their first drafts of proposed revisions. The proposed rules will be provided to the EMSCC as required when the package of proposed rules are ready to be voted on. Plenty of time will be provided



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for review. The Compliance Committee and Air medical group will be scheduled to begin their reviews in the very near future. A lot of hard work, time and thought has gone into this mammoth task so far and is much appreciated.

- An agency inspection manual is in the final stages and will be published to ensure standardized inspections are being conducted and to help agencies prepare for inspections.
- The Code of Ethics work that started with a workgroup last year will be re-energized, and an EMS code of Ethics will be completed in the near future. Feedback will be sought.
- EMS vacant positions will be posted soon with MPHI for a Data Coordinator, Technician and EMSC Coordinator. New EMS Staff include: Erika Hendy and Lee-Ellen Bailey. Both are paramedic ICs. Erika is a technician backfilling Derek Flory-Mullins' old position and Erika Hendy has replaced Amanda Armatti as the UP EMS Regional Coordinator.
- Dr. Edwards spoke about how helpful the RMCAN and MCA funding was and is hopeful that more funding can be found in the future.

EMS Medical Director Update by Dr. Fales:

- Dr. Fales reported that a communication from him will be sent to all providers and agencies regarding responder safety and fentanyl exposure. It includes links to a video and support documents. Kathy noted that it is going out today.
- A recent epinephrine use in cardiac arrest study was conducted in the UK. The study demonstrated a very slight increase in survivability of cardiac arrest victims arriving to the hospital. There was no significant difference between epinephrine and placebo as it related to patients surviving neurologically intact. There are some differences in the EMS system in the US versus the UK, but more studies will likely be done on this interesting topic.
- Dr. Fales also discussed a large airway study (Airway II) that was conducted with over 9,000 patients. This study identified that intubation and supraglottic airways were statistically equivalent. Dr. Edwards reported that another study demonstrated better outcomes with supraglottic airways. There will be more discussion about this topic as further studies are conducted to develop evidence-based medicine.

Emergency Preparedness Update by Dr. Edwards:

- The Community Health Emergency Coordination Center (CHECC) remains activated for Hepatitis A.
- The Great Lakes Burn Conference was held 9/20/18. It was recognized that MI is a leader in this area. The MI Burn Surge Facility Exercise will be conducted October 30, 2018. It will be a functional exercise with a component for EMS. Terrie Godde reported that CEs are available for participants.
- CHEMPAK change out visits will be starting again the first week of October.
- The Healthcare Coalition Medical Directors will be meeting with Dr. Kevin Yeskey, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. The meeting will be in Detroit.

Trauma Systems Report by E. Worden:

- New site reviewer training was conducted 9/17/18 with 30 new site reviewers.
- There are 39 facilities in the queue for designation. Average of 3 site visits/month are conducted by the site reviewer teams.



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- The Trauma Section is fully staffed again.

Committee Reports

- **Quality Assurance Task Force by Dr. Edwards –**
 - **The QATF has been meeting regularly**
 - A Special Hearing was conducted: Kory William Richey v. North Central Michigan MCA. Dr. Edwards read the QATF Committee's recommendation to the EMSCC stating that the MCA followed their protocols. Discussion ensued following a question raised by B. Trevithick regarding whether the decision made by the QATF was based on the actions of the individual or only on the process followed by the MCA. The recommendation was made strictly on whether the MCA followed the process identified in their protocols. A motion was made to accept the recommendation from the QATF A. Sundberg/M. Nye. The motion passed.
- **Ambulance Operations by Monty Nye –**
 - Rules review has been ongoing, cleaning things up to make the rules easier to follow, eliminating redundancies.
 - Monty summarized the changes to the equipment list. Equipment will be considered the minimum equipment. If equipment is missing at inspection, the ambulance will be considered out of compliance. Sabrina Slee will be sending a memo regarding this topic to all agencies. They will be given 60 days to comply.
 - There was discussion around the number of providers that should be on a roster to ensure that the service is able to meet the requirements for 24/7/365 availability. This will go back to the Ambulance Operations Committee for further discussion.
- **Medical Control Authority by Bruce Trevithick –**
 - **Rules revision continues.** A couple of issues require input from the QATF regarding special studies and pharmacy issues.
 - Some standard MCA reports will be developed for benchmarking with the State.
- **Education by Kevin Wilkinson–**
 - SALT triage has been recommended to be the adopted method of triage for mass casualty incidents at the national level. EMS Education programs have been notified of the national recommendations and were provided with SALT triage tags to educate new providers. The tags are used statewide for MCIs.
 - A motion was made to officially adopt the SALT triage into the Michigan Standards by J. Boyd/C. Lake. The motion passed.
- **By-Laws by Jeff Boyd–** The subcommittee has not met. A meeting will be scheduled.
 - Jeff answered a question posed about the bylaws: Subcommittee Chair information is in Section 8A1.
 - Nominations for committees is open
 - The Committee will meet to determine how to stagger term dates, so not all members are termed out at the same time.
- **Data by Damon Obiden (Co-chair)–**
 - Damon reported that Josh Legler, the Data consultant has been very helpful, and his guidance has improved data statewide. Data input is improving which will lead to better output.



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- Kathy reported that the data sharing agreement is approved for BioSpatial. The Data subcommittee recommended participation with the program earlier this year. BioSpatial will be invited to do a brief presentation at the November EMSCC meeting. The reports created are extremely robust and focus on public health surveillance. They will be especially helpful with the opioid/naloxone data. Aggregate data is combined from NEMSIS v. 2.2 and 3.4. Reports will be available to the State, MCAs and Agencies.
- **Legislative by Bruce Trevithick–**
 - The committee has not met. There has not been a lot of legislative activity related to EMS lately.
 - The Trauma funding was extended.
 - Bruce provided a spreadsheet of legislation that has been reviewed this year.
- **Rural by Emily Bergquist for Gary Wadaga–**
 - The Rural committee continues to meet and they are working on a Rural EMS Paper
- **Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine by K. Wahl**
 - Summary noted earlier in EMS report
- **EMS Safety Ad Hoc by Chris Lake –**
 - Chris reported that the committee has decreased in size due to attrition, and the quorum has been reduced to ten people
 - The committee is working on tools that can be used by agencies. An Agency safety risk assessment is being developed similar to what is used in other healthcare settings. It is based on the risk assessment created by the National EMS Safety Council.
 - The Center for Patient Safety has been engaged by the Region 6 MCA Network with support from the rest of the RMCANs to conduct a statewide survey to determine the current “Culture of Safety” for EMS. The survey is completely anonymous and may help guide education and further tool development.
 - The Safety Committee is going to attempt to do a safety and health track at EMS Expo
- **Critical Care Ad Hoc by Emily Bergquist –** The committee has been meeting and working on the acceptable curriculum components. Wisconsin shared their curriculum and the committee reviewed this at the last meeting.
- **Community Integrated Paramedicine Workgroup by Emily Bergquist for Krisy Kuhl –**
 - The CIP grant proposals were reviewed and funding was focused for this round of grants on educating new CIP providers. There were 5 new programs that are going to be training providers to implement programs in areas of the state that do not already have programs in place. Grants also went to some already established programs for various educational projects.
 - More grant opportunities will be offered in early 2019.
 - The grants were made possible through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant the Division received.
 - The CIP committees have been meeting regularly and finalizing curriculum
 - Meetings have been held with various payers and potential payers that will benefit CIP programs including Blue Cross.
 - Krisy will be working with a variety of professional provider groups to provide information about how CIP can benefit their patients.



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New Business

- **2019 EMSCC Meeting Schedule**
 - Jeff Boyd suggested moving the September meeting to Marquette's new hospital. A. Sundberg agreed to host. Motion made by Nye/Myers. The motion passed.

- **Bennet Bill Applications**
 - Torch Lake Township (LALS to ALS) Motion to approve Myers/Boyd. The motion passed
 - Peninsula Township (BLS to ALS) Motion to approve Lake/Nye. The motion passed
 - Cedar Area Fire Department currently has a conditional LALS license and would like to add a non-transport vehicle at the LALS level under the Bennet Bill. Motion to approve Nye/Sundberg. The motion passed.

Membership Round Table Report –

- A question was raised whether the National Registry tracks where their providers move. Kathy will check on this.

Public Comment –

- Attendees expressed gratitude
- Delta County Community Foundation recently recognized all of their EMS providers with a token of appreciation.

NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2018 at Livingston County EMS

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 12:10 am – Nye/Lake. The motion carried.