

State 9-1-1 Committee
Policy Subcommittee Meeting
December 16, 2009

Minutes

1. Call to Order.

The Policy Subcommittee meeting of the State 9-1-1 Committee was called to order by telephone conference call at 9:05 a.m. by Dale Berry, Chair. Those members in attendance were Dale Berry, Marsha Bianconi and James Fyvie. Also in attendance were Jeannene Benedict (DELEG), Ken Cummings (MAAS), Harriet Miller-Brown and Janet Hengesbach (State 9-1-1 Office).

2. Call to the public.

There were no public comments received.

3. Approval of the September 30, 2009 minutes.

It was MOVED by Jim Fyvie, SUPPORTED by Marsha Bianconi to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2009 Policy Subcommittee. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Review of Policy E – Emergency Medical Services Dispatching.

The Subcommittee reviewed Draft #2 of the proposed replacement for Policy E. Jim made a suggestion that we include at the end a section which includes the three methods of dispatching - direct, relay and transfer. This will be included. In the section "What to Do...", the group agreed to add a recommendation for periodic review, and to spell out the order of application of the listed points. Marsha suggested that the language be strengthened at the end (the 4-bullet points). She cited the importance of following the suggestions in the conflict resolution section. Ken Cummings asked whether this policy will help some of the counties which have had problems. The group agreed that this policy cannot answer every question, and ultimately these conflicts must be resolved on a local level. But the policy will give 9-1-1 directors the tools to mediate conflicts.

Dale will redraft the proposed policy and send it out to the committee. He will also confer with Robin Shivley at MDCH to make sure her comments are considered. Harriet Miller-Brown recommended that we forward the draft of the policy to the Executive Committee for review and that they consider asking the Attorney General's office to review it. The group agreed. If the proposed policy receives the approval from the AG with no material changes, we will forward it to the State 9-1-1 Committee for consideration. If the AG makes material changes, we will bring it back to the Policy Subcommittee for further consideration.

5. Adjournment.

It was MOVED by Bianconi, SUPPORTED by Fyvie to adjourn. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale J. Berry
Chair