



Bureau of Emergency
Preparedness, EMS
and Systems of Care

MCA Subcommittee

Minutes

February 6, 2024

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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I. Attendance:

Member Roll call:

Debbie Condino-chair, Michael Bentley, Eric Snidersich, Dr. Reece, Bruce Trevithick, Aaron Sogge, Bob Miljan, Bonnie Kincaid, Dr. Bigsby, Ken Cummings, Dr. Domeier, Rob Warnemuende.

Absent: Jason Stevens.

Guests: John Theut, Lance Corey, Bill Priese, Dr. Klausner.

Bureau Staff: Emily Bergquist, Krisy Kuhl, Derek Flory, Emily Baker, Nicole Babb, Damon Obiden.

II. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Debbie Condino.

III. Approval of agenda and minutes - Motion to approve (Warnemuende, Reece). Approved.

IV. Old Business

❖ Medical Director Qualifications – MCEP recommendation

- Krisy provided an update. Next step is for this subcommittee to approve and then send up to EMSCC. Rule language will be the second step. Dr. Reece advised MCEP had met after EMSCC in January and briefly went over the document from MCEP.
- Discussion: Debbie asked where we might see concern.
 - Dr. Bigsby spoke about boarded physicians and not boarded, as it seems to be leaving out medical directors are not boarded. Statute states “boarded or practicing”. The trainings listed should be for all physicians.
 - Bonnie asked for clarification on the requirements for the larger MCAs. Bonnie advised EMS board certified would be difficult for their MCA, and Debbie agreed. The exam was discussed briefly.
 - Dr. Domeier spoke about certifying bodies and additional education being added to those that are already boarded.
 - There are three EMS fellowships in the state.

- Emily – first step is to amend the rules. She said we could write a broad rule and run them through policy processes and EMSCC like we normally do. The rules will be less but broader. Debbie said she would like to see a standard that should be broad. Dr. Bigsby said not painting ourselves into a corner, but creating standards. **Emily said we have to draft the standards, vote on in March and then it could theoretically go to EMSCC in March. Sharing what we are thinking about with EMSCC was suggested.** Dr. Bigsby asked about specific trainings and Emily addressed. Bruce spoke about the law around physicians being boarded or practicing and that we can't contradict the statute, so that might have to be changed, as well. **Emily will talk to MDHHS legal about this. Dr. Reece said clarifying the statute would be the place to start. Language needs tweaked.**
 - **Things to clear up:**
 - **Collaboration**
 - **Practicing – able to add definition?**
- Dr. Reece posted these links:
 - <https://www.acep.org/patient-care/policy-statements/definition-of-emergency-medicine>
 - <https://www.acep.org/patient-care/policy-statements/definition-of-an-emergency-physician>
- ❖ Medical Director Qualifications in rules
 - Covered above.
- ❖ Patient Movement Committee
 - There is meeting this month yet. Education is still being provided to the committee. Emily said we are having a difficult time getting someone to take ownership of patient rights and discussed. There isn't an obvious person, as it's wrapped up in CMS guidelines. This might be a problem area we weren't aware of. Emily is still trying to find someone. **Dr. Bigsby asked if a medical school might be a source. Emily said she can ask Dr. Fales. Mike Bentley said there are two possibilities. Emily will follow up with Mike. Debbie will follow up with Emily offline for possible options, as well.**

V. New Business

- ❖ Provider discipline issues
 - Debbie started the discussion. Damon Gorelick had brought this up at EMSCC. Can agency and MCA actions be posted on the website. Emily said theoretically, it is possible to alert for MCA actions but the logistics of how and when need to be ironed out. Emily discussed. This may be a collaboration with Compliance and Ethics subcommittee. Ken discussed an example from his MCA's perspective. He said he would like to know when another MCA acts on someone that may work in his county. Discussion ensued. MCA statutory duties to report were discussed. Protocols were discussed. Compliance will be

part of the upcoming MCA trainings. **Mike Bentley suggested making a handbook for the provider.**

- **Next steps: Emily to follow up with Victoria. Keep this on the agenda for March.**

- VI. Additional items from attendees
- VII. Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn at 1:57 p.m. (Cummings, Trevithick).**
- VIII. Next meeting: March 5, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.